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Settlers stake claim to more land on Efrat hill

HERB KEINON

ABOUT 75 Jews pitched tents on an Efrat hill adjoining the Palestinian village of Artas last night, staking a physical claim to prevent the hill from being given to the Palestinians as part of the second phase of the Oslo agreements.

"State land where there is no Jewish presence will be given away," said Eve Harow, an Efrat local council member and one of the organizers of last night's operation. "We want to ensure that either we or the IDF will remain here."

Most of the settlers who went to the hill were women and children, with a few men on hand to provide security. A number of soldiers and police went to the scene, but by late last night had not yet intervened.

The Efrat women said that about 40 Palestinians from nearby Khader congregated at the bottom of the hill, but police were monitoring the situation.

The hill, called Givat Hadagan, is the northernmost hill in Efrat, and falls within the settlement's master plan. Givat Hadagan is beyond Givat Hatamar, where attempts to build a new neighborhood were scuttled in January after the government came under intense protest from residents of the village of Khader, who claimed the land was theirs. Givat Hadagan is closer to Artas than Givat Hatamar is to Khader.

The plans for yesterday's operation were kept secret, and neither Efrat local council head Yinnon Ahimani, who is currently in the US, nor the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza knew about it. Efrat residents were called to join the operation just prior to when a core group went up to the hill.

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Grave fears for Zepa Moslems

News agencies

SARAJEVO - Serbs claim they control a second UN "safe area" and took action yesterday to expel its thousands of Moslems, raising fears that many would be murdered, raped and beaten.

Local civilians appeared to have made a deal last night to give up Zepa to besieging Serbs without the formal approval of the army and the government in Sarajevo.

But Ukrainian peacekeepers reported the Bosnian Serb army had not entered the town itself.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said he had not agreed to any surrender. He said he was only negotiating the evacuation of the "sick, wounded and part of the civilian population."

US Defense Secretary William Perry landed in London for talks, calling for heavy NATO air strikes against Serb military targets if the Bosnian Serbs continued to attack remaining "safe areas."

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Police keep onlookers away from a car that slammed into a Tel Aviv bank during an attempted robbery yesterday. In a subsequent shoot-out between the robbers and a border policeman, a woman was wounded. (Story, Page 22).

(Hanochi Grizitsky/Israel Sun)

Mayor: Arad considering canceling annual festival

BATSHEVA TSUR and AMIR ROZENBLIT

ARAD Mayor Bezael Tabib said yesterday that the city may no longer hold its annual music festival, because of the severe damage to the city's image that resulted from the deaths of two youths and the injuring of 150 at the festival Tuesday night.

Three girls remain hospitalized in Beersheba's Soroka Hospital, two in serious condition and one in satisfactory condition. Na'ama Al-karov, 15, remains unconscious.

President Ezer Weizman said following the tragedy that the

"Americanization" of Israeli society has led, in part, to phenomena such as what occurred in Arad.

"It is true that [the Arad tragedy] was a question of discipline. But it is not only discipline," Weizman said. "I would very seriously recommend that we pay attention to the question of 'Israeliness' and Judaism," he said, noting that Israeli culture had much to offer that was original.

He warned against the trend towards copying others. "We have

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No imminent visits planned by Christopher or Ross

HILLEL KUTTNER

WASHINGTON

NEITHER Secretary of State Warren Christopher nor special peace team coordinator Dennis Ross will be returning soon to the Middle East to push the Israeli-Syrian talks, Ross told the House International Affairs Committee Wednesday afternoon.

The US is now awaiting the return from Damascus this weekend of Syrian Ambassador Wajid Mualem, to get a better idea of where the talks are headed, a

participant in the meeting reported Ross as stating.

The committee meeting also included briefings from Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Peter Tarnoff and Gen. Daniel Christman, who has accompanied Ross on recent visits to the region.

The briefings dealt primarily with the state of Israeli-Syrian negotiations, which have been halted.

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Police arrest PA operatives in Jerusalem

BILL HUTMAN and EVELYN GORDON

IN the largest bust ever of Palestinian Authority operations in Jerusalem, police in recent days have closed a quasi-police station and arrested a group of men who extorted protection money for the PA.

Police announced yesterday that 11 members of the two operations, including the son of a senior Palestinian police officer, have recently been detained.

The police spokesman said several of the Palestinian agents are suspected of purchasing land in eastern Jerusalem for the PA, in violation of the law prohibiting PA activity in the capital.

The crackdown on PA police activity in Jerusalem, which has been going on for months, reflects new orders received by the Israel Police from the government, police sources said.

Jerusalem police have been promised that as part of the policy, the State Attorney's Office will demand heavy sentences for PA security agents caught in the city, the sources said.

In the past, the state attorney has settled for light sentences for the few agents arrested, while the government counted on the promises of Jibril Rajoub, the Palestinian security chief in Jericho, not to operate in eastern Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, the Justice Ministry is examining the legality of (Continued on Page 20)

'Tax files of eastern J'lem residents being given to PA'

ISRAEL and the Palestinians have secretly agreed to transfer income tax and VAT files of eastern Jerusalem taxpayers and businessmen to the Palestinian Authority, the Peace for Generations group claimed at a Jerusalem news conference yesterday.

Under the agreement, the PA will collect these taxes. Israel, however, will retain the computer list of these taxpayers, and any problems that arise will be dealt with together.

Group heads Shimshon Yeshayahu and Daniel Yosef said this was agreed on during a secret meeting in Cairo on June 21 between senior officers in the civil administration and Dr. Atef Alawneh, the PA's deputy finance minister. They based their claim on an army document they said was leaked from a source close to the negotiations.

At the end of the document it was noted that these agreements would not be formalized in writing, and that for the good of the issue, "publicizing the agreements or giving them political implications must be avoided."

(Itim)

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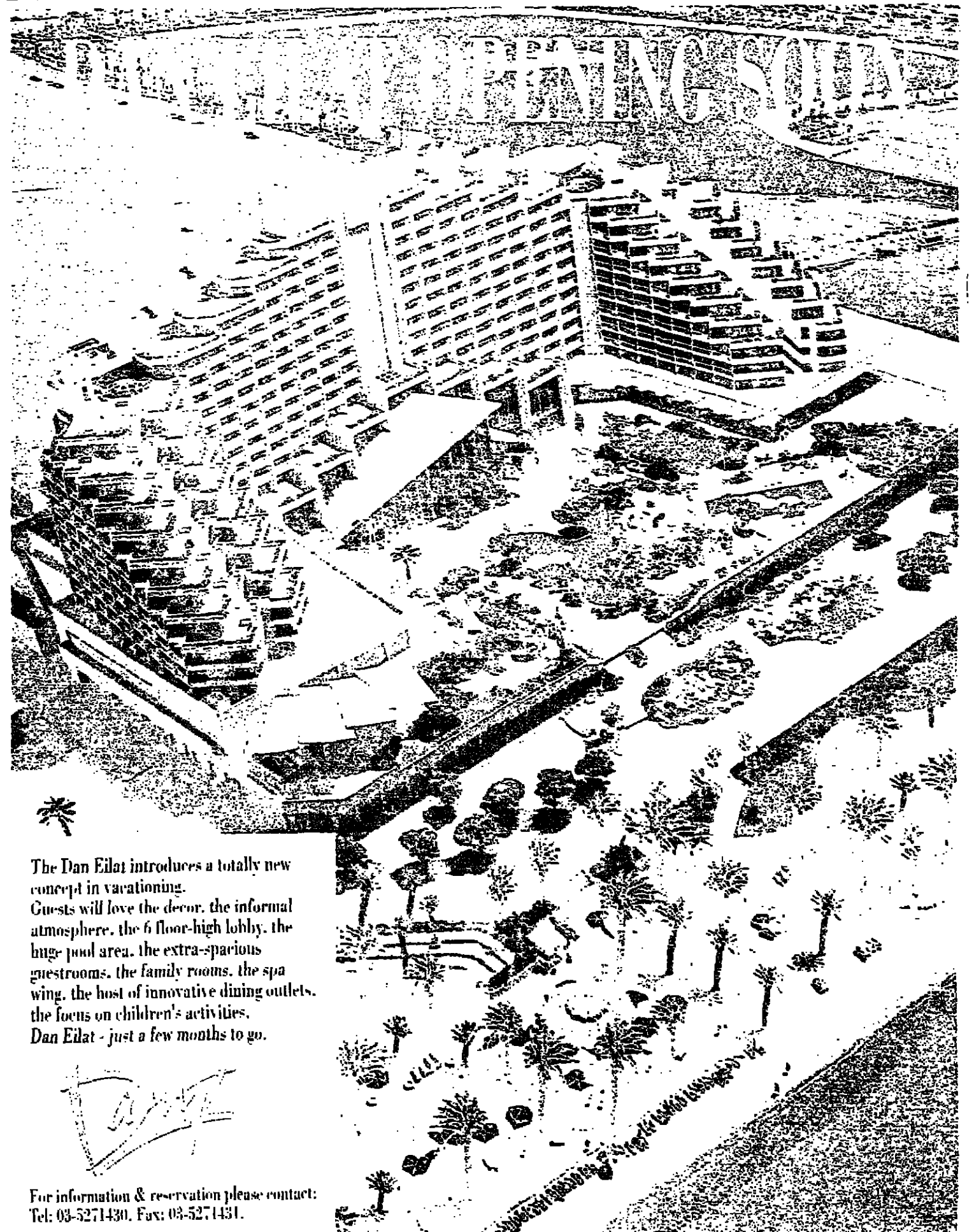
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Arafat says he won't allow return of terrorism

PALESTINIAN Authority chief Yasser Arafat vowed yesterday that he would not tolerate a renewal of terrorism against Israel.

"We will not allow a return to these terrorist activities," Arafat said after meeting with Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni.

Arafat said the PA has taken several steps in the wake of the brutal killing of two Israeli youngsters in Wadi Kelt on Tuesday. "We have

made intensive efforts and have summoned residents both in Jericho and in Gaza to see if they are connected with this incident," Arafat said. "They are currently under investigation."

Arafat said that several activists of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine have been arrested and that they are being interrogated.

An anonymous caller to a news agency said that the PFLP was re-

ponsible for the killings, but the organization did not officially declare its involvement in the killings.

The PLO leader said he hoped to attain an agreement on the second stage of the Declaration of Principles by next week.

In contrast with what has been said by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Arafat said that he has not

reached an agreement on water rights in the territories. "We will continue to discuss this," he said.

For her part, Aloni said she discussed the water issue as well setting radio and television frequencies for the Palestinian electronic media.

Other topics included joint efforts in culture and information relating

to the peace process.

Aloni, who was in Gaza for the first time under Palestinian authority, said she was not relaying any message from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin regarding the stalled negotiations on the DOP. She said that in her "very friendly meeting," she discussed "generally the psychological problems, such as the freeing of prisoners."

A Foreign Ministry official said

yesterday that Israel would free up to 1,000 Palestinian prisoners when it signs the agreement with the PLO. "There will be a massive release around the signing date," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor told reporters.

He said some 600 to 1,000 of 5,500 prisoners would be freed. He repeated promise not to free several hundred inmates convicted of killing Israelis.

13th request to PA for extradition, so far none honored

EVELYN GORDON

THE government is requesting from the Palestinian Authority the extradition of Salah Ali Othman, one of three terrorists who participated in the attack on Bus No. 25 in Jerusalem on July 1, 1993, that killed two women.

Othman's presence in Gaza, where he reportedly studies computer science at the university, has been something of a scandal, since he was captured by Israel after the attack but then released because he was seriously wounded. After Othman recovered from his wounds, founding doctors' opinion that he would never be more than a vegetable, the government was under pressure to request his extradition.

However, as Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair told reporters yesterday, the request, based on the Palestinian Authority's track record, is not likely to do much good.

Ben-Yair said the government has so far submitted 13 requests, and is working on a 14th. However, the PA has not yet acceded to any of them.

The requests include six men wanted for the murder or attempted murder of Jews, including Othman five for the murder of Arabs; one for the firing by Palestinians at Israeli troops at the Erez checkpoint last July, which would result in a manslaughter charge; one for bank robbery; and one for several incidents of firing at Israeli troops which resulted in injuries.

Ben-Yair denied that he had recommended conditioning the release of additional Palestinian prisoners on the PA's acceding to these requests, even though he had said so explicitly in a February letter to the Defense Ministry.

"I believe there is room to consider 'applying pressure' to the Palestinians - for example, by conditioning the release of prisoners, or other confidence-building measures," he wrote then.

Yesterday, however, he said he was "not talking about conditioning [one thing on the other]."

"The issue must be brought up in the political discussions," he said, and the government "should demand that the Palestinians fulfill their obligations [under the agreement] as well."

Cabbie killed in accident near Jenin

A taxi driver from the territories was killed and six local residents injured when an Egged bus and a taxi collided yesterday morning near Jenin.

In another accident, three IDF soldiers were hurt when their vehicle overturned by the security fence near Misgav Am.

They were taken to a Safed hospital and were reported in moderate condition after suffering bruises and fractures. The IDF was investigating the accident.

Zichron talks break today; nothing resolved

JON IMMANUEL

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres and Ahmed Qreia, the Palestinian Authority Economics Minister, met in Zichron Ya'acov yesterday to incorporate into the negotiations understandings achieved during this week's Peres-Yasser Arafat meeting in Alexandria.

The 150 negotiators at the Moriah Gardens Hotel are to break today and return to work Sunday.

After a week of endgame talks on the interim agreement none of the difficult problems has been resolved, though serious proposals have been made regarding water usage and whether Jerusalem can run in Palestinian elections.

Water will not be linked to politi-

cal claims over land at this stage, and water sources will be found to increase the Palestinian allotment without decreasing Israel's consumption. This will be done through desalination or pumping from the under-used northeast and eastern aquifers running towards the Jordan.

There was also a proposed arrangement to allow Jerusalem residents who are taxpayers to the Palestinian Authority to run for the Palestinian self-rule council, assuming they have another address in the territories.

A Palestinian participant in election talks said no progress has been made concerning the number of seats the Palestinian council is to have.

Israel envisions some 25-30 members, though it has not raised a specific number in talks. The Palestinians want 80 to 100 members. A source close to the talks said "a compromise will be reached on the number closer to the Palestinian estimate." Israel is resisting a large council for fear it will become a legislative parliament.

Little progress has been made on the remaining redeployment problems, mainly the "overriding security responsibility" of the IDF in Arab villages, Palestinian sources said.

The Palestinian sources said they believe the solution to be more joint patrols, which will allow for a Palestinian presence everywhere and reduce the appearance of "cantonization" in Judea and Samaria.

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Jordan envoy: Peace will reflect progress made with PLO, Syria

JORDAN'S Ambassador to Israel said yesterday that Israel must reach comprehensive peace agreements with Syria and the Palestinians or its relations with the Jordanian people will suffer.

"We do not have a warm peace today," Marwan Muasher said in an interview with the Associated Press. "We are seeking a warm peace. There is a big difference between peace between governments and peace between peoples. For that to happen requires... treaties and agreements on all other tracks."

If Israel failed to reach peace with Syria and a final settlement with the Palestinians, the result would be "catastrophe for the region," he cautioned.

Muasher, who took up his posting in April, noted that in recent months there have been "a lot of positive developments with the signing or near signing of more than 20 agreements" detailing Israeli-Jordanian relations in trade and other areas.

But he warned against "an over-eagerness on the part of the

Jordanian public to normalize with Israel... an expectation that all the problems with Jordan have been resolved."

The Jordanian public, he said, cannot reciprocate until outstanding issues like the future of Jerusalem and the hundreds of thousands of Palestinian "refugees" who are Jordanian citizens are resolved.

A joint parliamentary panel in Jordan meanwhile approved the repeal of anti-Israeli laws yesterday but demanded curbs on the sale of land and property to foreigners to protect Jordanian interests.

The 80-seat lower house has to endorse the recommendations of the Financial and Legal Committee, which will be included in a new draft law needed to help normalize Jordanian-Israeli relations under last October's treaty.

The draft bill will still include a clause providing for "economic boycott and banning contact with the enemy" to be used against any country. But it cancels the three anti-Israeli laws. (AP)

Woman slain at Mount of Olives church

BILL HUTMAN

AN ELDERLY woman was murdered and her son wounded last night during what police believe was an attempted robbery of their home at the Church of Ascension on the Mount of Olives.

The woman, from Greece, was sitting outside the home when she was bound and gagged by several assailants, police said. Her son heard her struggling, ran outside of the house and was beaten by the assailants before they fled, police said.

Neighbors found the two and telephoned for help. The mother was pronounced dead at the scene, apparently having choked from the

masking tape the attackers put over her face. The son was hospitalized.

The police spokesman declined to release the names of the mother and son, pending notification of relatives abroad. The two worked at the church, atop the Mount of Olives near the Seven Arches Hotel.

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Palestinians place a Palestinian flag on an IDF tank yesterday at the Tank Junction memorial, near Jenin, where many Iraqis were killed fighting Israel in 1948. (Khaled Zaghar)

PA's Yusef visits Jenin to plan for redeployment

JON IMMANUEL

CHIEF of Palestinian Police Maj. Gen. Nasser Yusef visited Jenin from Gaza yesterday for a briefing by Fatah activists in anticipation of redeployment, which Palestinians expect next month.

"We are entering a new period with redeployment," said Yusef, who was accompanied by Jericho police chief Brig. Haj Ismail. "Everything is ready and we can move in with 10 hours' notice."

Both officers wore civilian clothes as police are not permitted to operate outside Gaza and Jericho until the second stage of the interim agreement is signed.

Yusef was confident the agreement could be signed before the end of July. Israel sees little difficulty in redeploying outside Jenin, and was ready to transfer the town to Palestinian civilian control several months ago.

Yusef spent eight hours in the area, visiting Anin, on the Green

Line, and a tourist site close to Hinnat, west of the city. He also visited the road to Ganim and Kadim, east of Jenin. Yusef has proposed joint patrols on these roads, and said yesterday, "Security is for every inhabitant of our homeland."

During the ceremonial part of the visit, Yusef was treated like a visiting statesman. He laid a wreath at the Tank Junction, where many Iraqis who died fighting Israel in 1948 are buried. The spot also marks the expected southern border of the redeployment enclave, where a District Coordinating Office (DCO) is to be built.

The owners of the land won a temporary injunction from the High Court of Justice two days ago to stop leveling work. Musa Qadoura, a senior Fatah official in Jenin, proposed that the office

be built on state land 250 meters further south, but the IDF rejected the request.

Qadoura pointed out the lay of the land to Yusef, showing Jenin's relation to the sea, the Green Line and settlements.

Full Palestinian police control will extend only up to five kilometers from the municipal borders, although the exact area has not been finalized. The municipal area of Jenin is seven sq. kms. The Jericho self-governing Authority is 56 sq. kms.

Yusef said among the unspecified number of police in the new redeployed areas will be 2,000 from abroad. Peace Watch, based on interviews with police officials and its own assessments, estimates that 5,000 policemen are already in Jericho, 2,000 are to come from Algeria, 3,000 will come from Gaza and 10,000 new policemen will be drafted making a total of 20,000.

Justice Ministry begins to examine proposed bypass roads

EVELYN GORDON

THE Justice Ministry has begun examining the proposed routes for bypass roads in the territories, to try to ensure a proper balance between security needs and the rights of the Arab residents.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair told reporters that seven of the 13 planned bypass roads have so far been submitted to his office for approval. Two have already been okayed, he said, and a third is likely to be approved shortly.

"The settlements... have a right to safe passage... and for this purpose it is certainly justified to expropriate land," he said.

However, he said, it would be much better to widen an existing road or take a longer route - even if this would be more expensive - in order to minimize damage to Arab property. "Going around cultivated areas is preferable to going through them."

On the other hand, if the route that minimizes property damage does not meet security requirements, it

obviously cannot be used, he added. This means not only avoiding populated areas, but also ensuring that the road is not too low or filled with curves that are too sharp.

Ben-Yair said he thought at least some of the bypass roads would be completed by December, if court cases against them can be settled quickly. Petitions have already been filed in the High Court against the bypass roads for Beit Haggai, El

Birah and Jenin.

The proposed routes are being

reviewed jointly by a representative of the ministry's High Court division and a representative of the army's international law division.

74% of population favors referendum on Oslo-stage 2

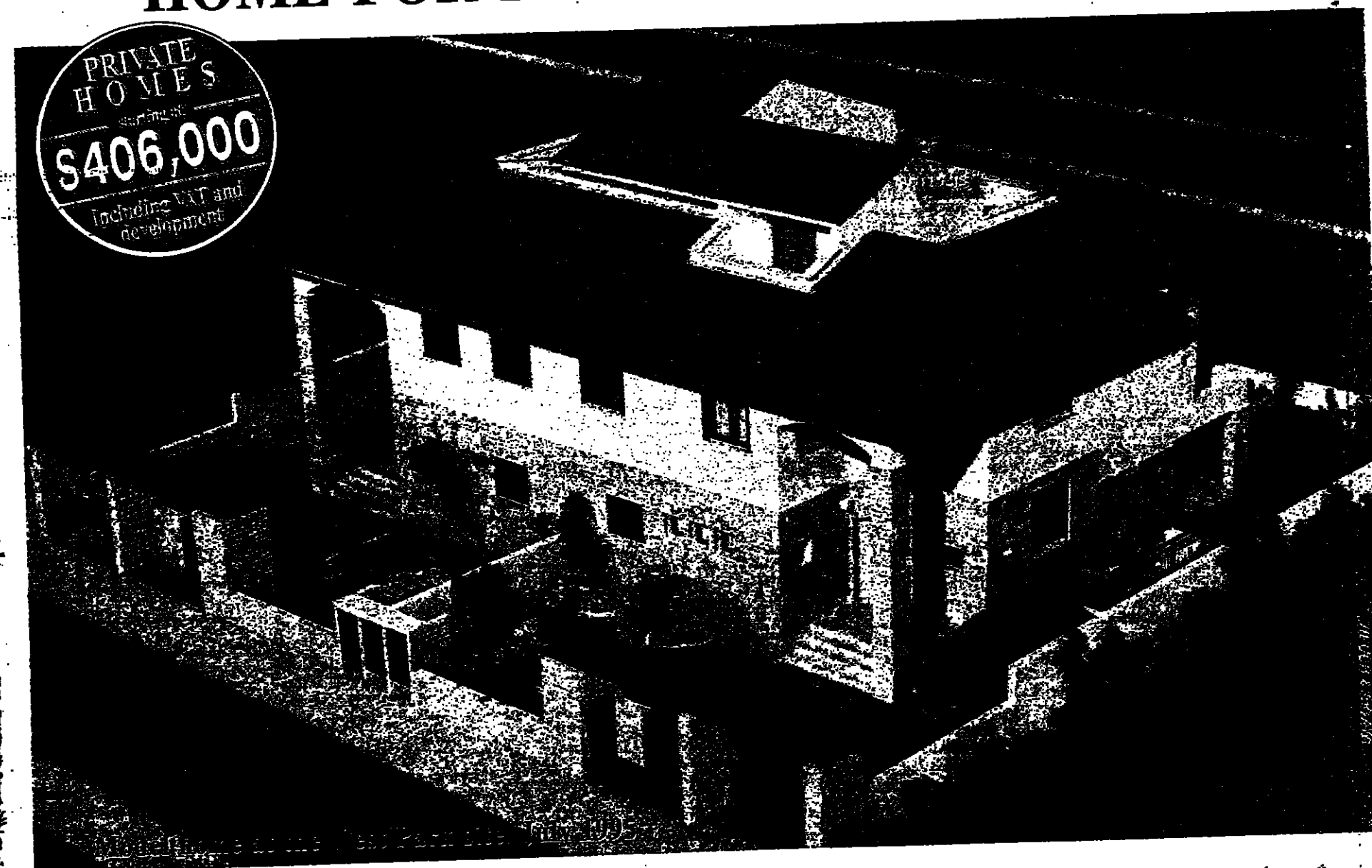
Seventy-four percent of Israelis believe there should be a national referendum before the implementation of stage two of the Oslo agreement, according to a poll released yesterday.

Seventeen percent said there was no need for a referendum.

The survey, conducted by the Mutagim company for IMRA, the Independent Media Review and Analysis, found that 72 percent believe the government should retain control of the holy places in Judea and Samaria, including Rachel's Tomb, with 14 percent say-

ing Israel shouldn't have control. As for archaeological sites, 62 percent said Israel should retain control, 23 percent said it shouldn't, and 12 percent had no opinion. The July 18 survey of 203 adults had a 4.5 percent margin of error. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

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Secret agreements on Jerusalem

THE most disturbing aspect of the recent arrests of 11 Palestinian Authority operatives in Jerusalem is that it has taken the Police Ministry so long to acknowledge their activities. Turning a blind eye to Palestinian efforts to establish a state within a state in Jerusalem is bad enough; misleading the public with assertions that no such efforts are being made is worse.

Yesterday's announcement of the arrests confirmed what has been widely known: that under the noses of the Israeli police in Jerusalem there is a whole structure of Palestinian Mafia-like enforcers who operate with virtual impunity. A Palestinian "police station," discovered yesterday in the Arab village of Issawiya, is but one example of their entrenchment.

These police are no different from security forces in the Arab dictatorships. They routinely beat suspects, demand bribes, collect protection money and mete out justice without the benefit of law courts. Their kidnapped victims are tortured, sometimes to death, in Jericho prisons. And the protection money they receive from Arab merchants, hotel owners and business offices in Jerusalem goes to the PA treasury.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently stated that over 200 such Palestinian security agents operate in eastern Jerusalem. More realistic estimates put the number at 400. They are all on the payroll of the Jericho Preventive Security apparatus, financed by well-meaning donor countries. The force is headed by Arafat's confidant Jibril Rajoub, a leading Fatah terrorist and a veteran of Israeli prisons who is the undisputed boss of the Arab population in Judea and Samaria. He is also one of the leading Palestinian delegates at the current "second stage" negotiations in Zichron Ya'acov.

The actions of the Palestinian Police in Jerusalem are only one part of the attempt to tear the city's Arab population away from Israeli control. Rajoub's agents also purchase land in Jerusalem for the PA, in violation of the agreement which prohibits PA activity in Jerusalem. There is even an effort afoot to acquire the land intended for the American Embassy in the city.

Yesterday yet another revelation was made: that a secret agreement, signed in Cairo on June 21 by the head of Israel's civil administration, Brig-Gen. David Shahaf and deputy PA Finance Minister Atef Alawneh stipulates that Arab taxpayers and businesses in eastern Jerusalem can pay their income taxes and VAT directly to the PA. (This, one assumes, is in addition to the protection money.)

That the agreement has been a secret is as

dismaying as it is suspicious. Kept under wraps by the government until it was exposed by the organization Shalom LeDorot (Peace for Generations), the agreement actually includes a conspiratorial provision: "It is concluded with Dr. Alawneh that these oral agreements will be executed in letter and in spirit. For the good of the cause, however, publicizing the agreements and giving them political meaning should be avoided."

Mayor Ehud Olmert's assertion yesterday that keeping such an agreement secret "was intended to mislead the people and conceal the grave implications of the arrangement" can hardly be disputed. The implications are clear: the agreement legitimates the administrative (if not yet political) splitting of Jerusalem.

Nor is this the first secret pact which affects Jerusalem's future. As revealed recently by Peace Watch, a secret agreement was signed in Rome in January 1994 between then-head of the General Security Service Ya'acov Perry and then-deputy chief of the general staff Amnon Shahak on the Israeli side, and Rajoub and Mohammed Dahlan on the Palestinian side.

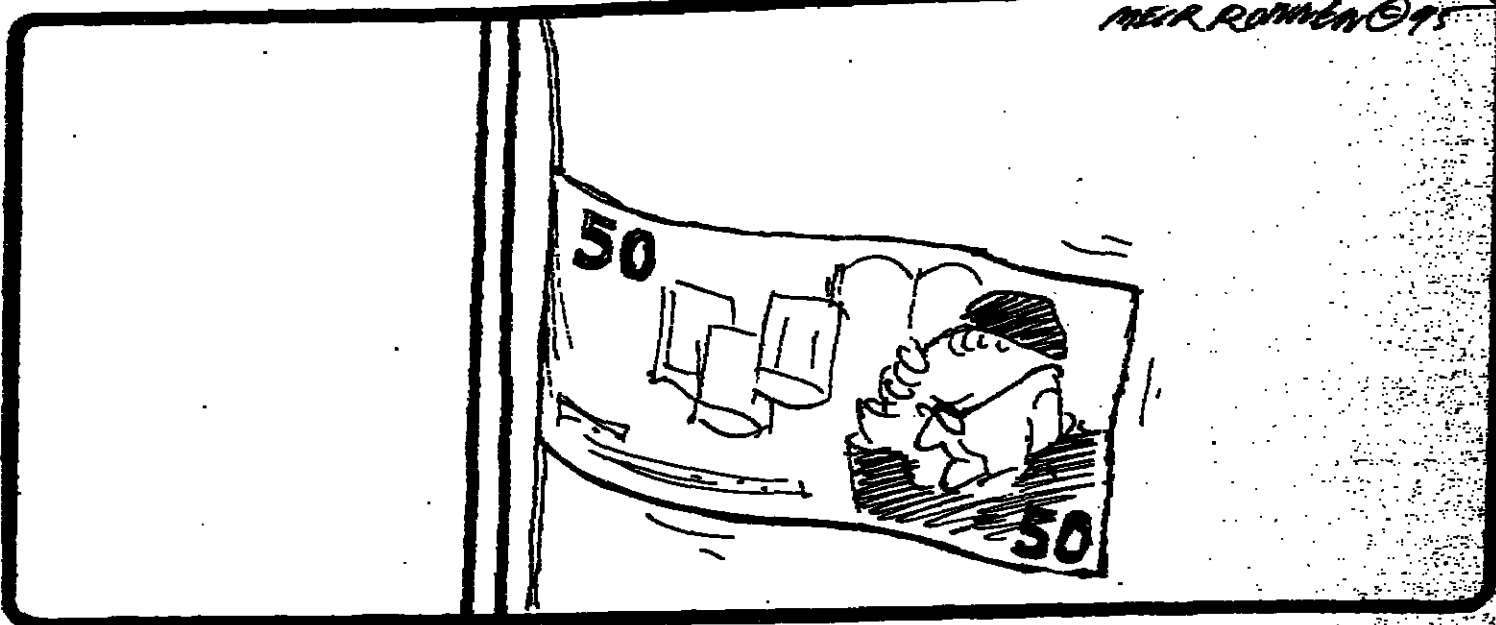
It provided that the PA's Preventive Security police will have freedom of action throughout Judea and Samaria, not only in the self-rule areas. This, combined with the assurance that such PA institutions as the Orient House and other ministerial offices could continue functioning in Jerusalem, made the extension of Palestinian Police activities into Jerusalem a natural step.

The PA cannot, then, be faulted for trying to consolidate its power and control among the city's 150,000 Arabs. The government has not only done nothing to discourage separation in the city, it has acted to accelerate it.

The very fact that Israel has agreed to allow Jerusalem Arabs to vote for the Palestinian legislative council and even be elected to it is tantamount to relinquishing its authority over the city's Arab inhabitants. (True, candidates for the council may have to have a nominal second residence outside city limits, but this hardly fools anyone.) That Jerusalem Arabs can now pay taxes directly to the PA makes the division complete.

Rabin and some of his ministers still routinely repeat the mantra that Jerusalem will remain the undivided capital of Israel. But the government's actions point to an acquiescence in the division of the city. In every speech Yasser Arafat makes, he declares that Jerusalem will be the capital of the Palestinian state. He may know whereof he speaks.

Half-mast at Arad



Bosnian lessons for the Golan

MOSHE ZAK

YITZHAK Rabin was right to back away from King Hussein's proposal that Israel and Jordan cooperate in aiding the Bosnian Muslims.

Much as Israel wants to broaden and deepen its cooperation with Jordan, it must be careful not to get involved in military hot spots around the globe.

Our nation knows about suffering, and cannot but be sensitive to the distress of nations that are persecuted and bleeding. But as a state that has learned from experience, we cannot forget how the Arab countries have exploited the UN as a platform from which to denounce Israel, and how they have used official visits to one another's capitals to make joint declarations bitterly criticizing Israel's policies.

Every Israeli is entitled to support whichever side he or she chooses in any dispute in the world. The same, however, doesn't hold true for the state. It must not set itself up in judgment over others' disputes.

If Israel takes sides in the current conflict between Bosnians and Serbs, it will be expected to define its position in the dispute between Kurds and Turks tomorrow, and between Russians and Chechens the day after.

And it could find itself in conflict between its diplomatic interests and its emotions. The outstanding example of this was Israel's relations with Spain.

For ideological reasons, Israel never approached Franco's Spain to propose diplomatic relations, and voted in the UN to restrict Spain's diplomatic representation. Spanish diplomacy paid Israel back: Madrid punished us for many years after Franco by refusing to establish diplomatic relations.

Another example: Israel got

burned in Lebanon when it tried to intervene in the dispute between the Maronites and the Moslems, assuming that the Christian countries of the West would be grateful that it had come to the aid of the Lebanese Christians. Israel had a clear interest in ensuring peace on its northern border; but it paid heavily for its intervention.

Bosnia isn't a neighbor of Israel's, and it isn't Israel's place to adjudicate faraway disputes between other nations.

But Foreign Minister Peres thinks otherwise.

Leaving a meeting with Ger-

In fact, the statements might erroneously be interpreted as a signal that the terrorist threat against Israel has passed, and that Israel is now free to intervene in danger spots elsewhere.

Even those who feel that every country ought to have a position on every international dispute must surely forgive Israel for concentrating exclusively on combating terror close to home.

BUT THERE is an important lesson for Israel from the war in Bosnia: the inability of UN forces to prevent the spread of war.

During the War of Independence, we were furious at the UN

from the areas paroled by UN troops.

The presence of a multinational force in Sinai, or 1,200 UN troops in the disengagement zone of the Golan creates the optical illusion that they are keeping the border peaceful.

This is not the case. Syria is maintaining peace on its border with Israel because Damascus is currently within sight and artillery range of the IDF. Egypt, like Syria, is keeping the peace in its own interests.

In 1959 Abdul Gamal Nasser told UN secretary Dag Hammarskjöld that he would not hesitate to request the withdrawal of the UN force from Sinai when it served Egyptian interests, but that he had no intention of doing so for the present. Nasser waited eight years to implement this decision, proving that the UN force in Sinai was no wall protecting Israel. It couldn't even guarantee free navigation in the Gulf of Suez.

The UN force in the Golan doesn't have perpetual residency rights either. Assad can prevent its mandate being renewed every six months.

Those who have watched the UN force perform in Bosnia will not make the mistake of believing that a similar force in the Golan can act as a substitute for meaningful bilateral security arrangements between Israel and Syria.

It is heart-wrenching to see the cruelties being perpetrated in Bosnia - and in Chechnya and Iraq. But the atrocities of Srebrenica and Zepa must not be allowed to obscure the moral of the war in Bosnia: Israel cannot rely on the UN in any future settlement on the Golan.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

One: Don't rely on the UN to keep the peace. Two: Don't make political statements on foreign conflicts

man Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel in Bonn on July 12, he announced: "The government of Israel believes that the embargo on Bosnia should be lifted, and that Bosnia should be enabled to provide itself with arms for its defense."

The next day in Vienna, Peres participated in a joint statement with the Egyptian and Tunisian foreign ministers "condemning the Serbian aggression in Bosnia."

These two statements supporting the Bosnian Muslims will be well received in Moslem Arab countries. But they won't influence Islamic terror organizations like Hamas, Hizbullah and Islamic Jihad to stop attacking Israeli and Jewish targets.

for not sending international forces to implement the resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish state. Now, in light of recent events in Bosnia, we really ought to thank the UN for not sending troops to Israel in 1948. Had it done so, the war would have lasted longer, and the borders of the state would be different.

In neighboring Lebanon too, the presence of nearly 6,000 UN soldiers hasn't been able to guarantee calm. The UN troops are authorized to supervise border crossings and patrol the terrain; but they have neither the ability nor the authority to prevent flare-ups. This week, IDF soldiers were again wounded by terrorist gunfire from across the border,

Make the state's needs clear now

ARIEL SHARON

LAST week Foreign Minister Peres gave the residents of Judea and Samaria some "friendly advice." They should improve their relations with the Palestinians, he said, with an over-tone of threat.

It was as if Jewish settlers, and not Palestinian terrorists, were the ambushers and murderers of women and children, the killers of IDF soldiers; as if the stone-throwers weren't the Palestinian mobs, and the Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria.

Exactly what does "improving relations with the Palestinians" mean? Seeking shelter under Faisal Hussein's wings, or bowing the head before terrorists? Perhaps the settlers should disarm themselves, as Hussein has demanded, or even hand him their weapons?

Should the Jewish residents recognize Palestinian sovereignty over the Jewish homeland, agree to relinquish Rachel's Tomb, for which Jews have pinned for thousands of years?

Does improving relations with the Palestinians mean giving up Shilo, the seat of the Tabernacle and the spiritual center in the days of Joshua and the Judges for 369 years?

Or perhaps we should give up Beit El, mentioned 65 times in the Bible, where God told Jacob in his dream: "The land on which you lie shall be yours and your offspring's." Should the Jews give up their right to live next to the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron, where Jewish life has not stopped for 2,000 years?

Every nation would guard such places with its life, using them to educate its people in love of country.

Our grandparents tell us that in the Diaspora, when a drunken Russian peasant ran riot, the Jews would "improve relations with

him" using a slice of sweet halla and a piece of gefilte fish. Until next time.

Is this government returning us to those dark days here, in the State of Israel?

THE GOVERNMENT can indeed reduce tensions and perhaps improve relations between Jews and Palestinians. If this is its intention, it should insist on the following provisions in the agreement it is about to sign:

Israel must have total control, outside the areas of Palestinian self-rule, over contiguous security

one, has considered the Jordan River Israel's eastern security border. If the government hasn't in the meantime gone back on this too, it is imperative to keep the arteries leading to the Jordan River in our hands.

Another imperative is to secure the bridges, and to keep the mountain passes open to traffic so the front line can be reached quickly. The missiles the enemy now has, which make the rear vulnerable to their strikes, will prolong call-up of the reserves in the future. Every hour will count.

But it isn't only the arteries that

circumstances on the ground, all situations, and all forms of warfare. And what will happen to the early warning and surveillance installations which must stay on the highest peaks? And what about all the storage depots in the area? Where will the artillery be deployed, and where will the staging areas for the armor be?

The world over, divisional depth extends to 50 km.; for an armored corps, the necessary depth is up to 150 km. If we make the planned concessions, where will our armored corps and divisions deploy? In the sea? In Cyprus?

To those who counter with "but there will be peace," let me say: Security arrangements are intended for those cases in which agreements collapse. Only in such cases are they tested. If security arrangements prove inadequate, the collapse of arrangements and agreements is tantamount to the end of one's existence.

Inadequate security arrangements present the Arab side with a constant, growing temptation to go to war. The government's solution for Judea and Samaria doesn't give Israel the necessary defense, because it no longer enables us to rely on the Jordan line. A stand on the Jordan line makes holding the mountain range and west of it imperative, and it is precisely these areas the government wants to relinquish.

The Palestinians will not like our keeping these areas. But it would be terrible folly to relinquish Israel's vital strategic interests merely to improve our relations with them.

Far better to make our needs clear now, so we can secure our future relations with the Arab world.

The writer, a Likud MK, is a former defense minister.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISRAEL-UN RELATIONS

Sir, - Looking back at 46 years of Israel/UN relations, your editorial "No golden anniversary" (The Jerusalem Post, June 28) begs the UN to pardon us "if we wait for the next [jubilee] before dancing with enthusiasm." In fact there are encouraging signs that the relationship has already undergone a dramatic improvement.

In the General Assembly, of the approximately 30 hostile resolutions raised annually, in the last two years more than 20 failed to reach the floor, were not voted upon or moderated. Moreover, the Assembly adopted resolutions supporting the peace process and regional cooperation with only Syria, Lebanon, Libya and Iran voting "nay."

Encouraged by Israel, UN agencies in the territories are helping to build social and economic foundations for peace. In the past two years the UN has increased its allocations by 50% from \$200 to \$300 million. Following the April 1994 bus bombings in Afula and Hadera, the Security Council condemned anti-Israel terrorism for the first time. Since then the UN has swiftly and unequivocally condemned every major terrorist attack against Israel.

And for the first time, Israelis are being elected to UN bodies by secret ballot in the General Assembly, four in the past 18 months.

Certainly there is a long way to go before we will be full and equal partners at the UN, and that body represents and expresses the states which compose it. As our relationships with these countries grows stronger, we'll see it reflected at the UN.

There is reason for encouragement and room for improvement. Let us not discount either.

GAD YA'ACOB

Israel's Ambassador to the UN, New York

JUSTICE

Sir, - Justice must not only be done, but must be seen to be done. In the cases of Deri and Dinitz, the public does not see that justice is being done.

BERTHOLD WYLER

Jerusalem.

AIPAC'S STAND

Sir, - In his Eye on the Media column "Mirage in the desert: An idyllic tour of Jericho" (July 14), David Bar-Ilan says that AIPAC "has become a dedicated booster of aid to the PLO," and that Near East Report editor Raphael Danziger's article on an AIPAC trip to Jericho is reminiscent of "news stories on the Soviet Union in Mapam publications of the 1950s." These criticisms are unwarranted.

AIPAC has played a key role in linking legislation enabling US funding for the Palestinian Authority to PA compliance with its commitments to combat terrorism. While still far from adequate, the PA's performance has improved in recent months. We are working with Congress and the administration in order to maximize its effectiveness as a tool to ensure PLO compliance.

Although he calls Danziger's article a "fairytale," Bar-Ilan does not dispute a single fact it contains. As reported in the piece, joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols have indeed developed smooth cooperation and personal friendships; there have been virtually no violent incidents in Jericho, and Israeli cars routinely drive through town without being stopped at Palestinian checkpoints.

Of course, Jericho is not an "innocent little peace oasis;" the problems so starkly depicted by Bar-Ilan are real. But Danziger only reported what he - and the other members of the AIPAC group - saw and heard during their visit to Jericho. He did that responsibly and accurately.

NEAL M. SHER

Washington, D.C.

US EMBASSY

Sir, - Please excuse my ignorance, but maybe I have missed something. I was surprised to find out that the proposed US Embassy move would be to west (pre-1967) Jerusalem. How in the world could this damage the peace process?

JAMES MARLOW

Tiberias.

ARAD

COMMERCIALISM

Sir, - Might I start my letter by expressing condolences to the families of the young visitors who died in Arad. It hurts me that my town should be in the news for such terribly sad reasons.

In the past there was an element of local pride in the festival which put us "on the map." Not any more. The whole thing has become a completely commercial operation to enrich private entrepreneurs.

In place of the feeling of a national *kumtitz* of the early years, our town has its carefully nurtured flower gardens trampled on, and our public parks become vast rubbish dumps. The difficulties for a working person like myself include inability to drive home after a long work day because of road closures, and the impossibility of having a reasonable night's sleep because of the horrendously loud music. And now we have this dreadful and possibly avoidable loss of life, the saddest sign of the distortion of the "Hebrew Song Festival" into an exercise in the debasement of culture for private gain.

I enjoy rock music, in Hebrew or English, but I wouldn't want to disturb my neighbors, or the whole neighborhood because of it.

In the next election I most certainly will vote for anyone who opposes the festival, and I suggest to the present local council that probably a large part of the population might agree with me.

Arad

TONY PENN

KNESSET MEMBERSHIP

Sir, - Your photo and caption of Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg resigning from the Knesset (July 4) showed his good judgment and correct action. Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo also acted responsibly by resigning from the Knesset. On the other hand, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert has missed many Knesset votes. This harms his party and his cause. Someone else could represent his views full-time.

PETER SINGER

Jerusalem.

Peaceniks' castle in the air

YOSEF LAPID

THE taboo is broken," said the statement by Gush Hashalom, the peace movement which recently demonstrated in support of the Palestinians at Orient House. "At last it has been proven that there is no national consensus against peace in Jerusalem. A large public is willing to pave the way for a historic compromise."

Leaving aside the demagogic tone - as if the claim of Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem were a "consensus against peace" - let us consider the claim of the hundreds of intellectuals who signed a manifesto saying "Jerusalem is ours, Israelis and Palestinians - Muslims, Christians and Jews."

The manifesto calls for making Jerusalem a united, open city, with the western half the capital of Israel, and the eastern half the capital of Palestine.

Uri Avnery and his associates, who drew up the manifesto, understand that Jerusalem cannot be rededicated. Which is why they propose two Jerusalem municipalities, East and West, under a "joint umbrella municipality."

Mayor Olmert cannot agree. But one needn't be a rabid leftist to see the point of granting significant autonomy to the Arab residents of East Jerusalem, who live a separate life anyway.

A certain amount of self-rule that doesn't harm the overall functioning of the city would reduce the Arab minority's feelings of frustration. And if we don't want to see an intifada breaking out in the heart of Jerusalem, we have to offer them something. The holy places could be granted extraterritorial status, rather like

the Vatican, which would satisfy the desires of the Christian world, and take the ill wind out of the sails of Moslem fanatics.

A broad national consensus could have emerged around a compromise like this.

But it isn't enough for the leftists, whose agenda isn't Jerusalem, but a Palestinian state. To this end they have invented the idea of one city as two capitals of two states.

IT IS no coincidence that a hermaphrodite of this kind has never

One city could never function as two capitals of two states

existed in history. Even left-wing intellectuals who support the establishment of a Palestinian state should know that it could never work. There aren't the political tools to fashion such a union, even between friendly nations.

(Picture: an Israeli passport to go shopping; a Palestinian passport for the garage, and free passage from all of Palestine to all of Israel via Damascus Gate.) The very proposal is an admission of intellectual failure.

The Gush Shalom people won't admit that their desperate search for a solution that will satisfy both sides has reached a dead end. It is a castle in the air that would have no connection with

reality, even if there were all the goodwill in the world - and there isn't.

In international relations, as in human ones, it often happens that both parties to a dispute are right. And much as we love Jerusalem, we cannot ignore the fact that Moslems, Arabs and Palestinians also have religious, historical, and demographic rights in the city.

In this case what counts is the relative advantage. Israel has de facto sovereignty; Jews make up the overwhelming majority of the population, and Jerusalem's significance in the Jewish consciousness clearly far outweighs its significance in the Moslem-Arab-Palestinian world view.

Since no one wants to see the city repartitioned, and given that the idea of a city being two capitals of two states is total nonsense, the only option is to do the least possible injustice to the Palestinians.

The Gush Shalom leftists know that no state cedes its basic rights, and no people gives up its historic dreams unless it has been overcome by weakness, and lost its will to exist.

The "Jerusalem is ours" offensive is an attempt to undercut the resolve of the Israeli public and demolish the national consensus on Jerusalem.

But the spiritual resources of the Jewish people can withstand an attack from Arafat's fifth column.

Jerusalem is ours. Truly. And it always will be.

The author is an editorial writer for Ma'ariv.

The key word: sharing

DAN LEON

SIGNED by hundreds of prominent Israelis, the manifesto entitled "Our Jerusalem" notes that the city belongs to "Israelis and Palestinians - Muslims, Christians and Jews" alike.

It describes Jerusalem as a mosaic of all the periods and religions that have enriched the city from antiquity. And it demands that an open and united Jerusalem be the capital of two states living side by side.

West Jerusalem must be the capital of the State of Israel, East Jerusalem the capital of the State of Palestine (*The Jerusalem Post*, June 18).

In an enormous ad on behalf of a New York group called the American Academic Alliance for Israel, "representing 500 professors in leading American universities" and chaired by Dr. Manfred Lehmann (*The Post*, July 7), the Our Jerusalem signatories are accused of "corrupting, distorting, and defiling Jewish history" through the "preposterous claim" that what is called "a long list of conquerors and tyrants" has, throughout history, enriched the city.

The ad refers to the "stark contrast between the Jewish 3,000-year history of Jerusalem as the Jewish capital, and the somewhat nebulous, short-lived connection between the city and Islam and Christianity." It concludes that Jerusalem "must remain the undivided capital of Israel."

Some might say that, over the Jerusalem issue, these American professors would be better advised to mind their own business; or one might comment ironically that they are prepared to fight to the last Jerusalemite.

I think, however, that the expression of opinions about our affairs by people abroad is legiti-

mate. If only because of Jerusalem's importance to the three monotheistic religions, international public opinion on the city's future is in any case bound to be taken into consideration.

TO USE its own language, it is the content of the second ad which is "preposterous." For these professors, while noting the historical fact that Jerusalem "has always been the center of Judaism and the Jewish people" deny what they elegantly term "an equal degree of sanctity" to

The claim 'Jerusalem is only mine' is a certain recipe for failure

others, in order "to avoid unjust and untenable political claims."

Whatever their intentions, a historiography with an exclusively Jewish orientation does a monumental disservice to the city's Jews and non-Jews alike.

Victor Cygelman and Ziyad Abu Ziyad, coeditors of the *Palestine-Israel Journal*, have noted that 26 major wars have been fought over Jerusalem in the name of "the true faith." And they ask: "Do 3,000 years (since King David's proclamation of Jerusalem as his capital) carry more weight than 2,000 years (the birth of Christianity) or 1,400 years (of Islam)?"

They conclude that "the claim that 'Jerusalem is only mine' is a certain recipe for failure," and that "Israelis and Palestinians must agree to share Jerusalem, in

all its dimensions, national and religious. The key word is sharing, the opposite of exclusive possession, of forced unification."

Between the Academic Alliance and the peace-oriented journalists quoted above, there can surely be room for diverse opinions.

The only arguments which are totally incapable of convincing, whatever their source, are those founded on chauvinism, where a parochial and intolerant interpretation of the past inevitably leads to implausible perspectives for the future.

However one views Jerusalem's past, its present is one in which about a third of the residents of Jerusalem are Palestinians. (This forbidden word appears only once in the Academic Alliance's ad.) By denying the Palestinians any validity, the ad crosses the line between rationalism and bigotry.

Unhappily, the advertisers are in good company here, because the very sanctity of the Holy City to so many people everywhere encourages what writer Amos Oz has called seeing Jerusalem as a city "where everybody is a kind of Messiah, eager to crucify his opponents for his beliefs, ready to be crucified himself for his own."

Another writer, Amos Eilon, has referred to Jerusalem as "a city loved too well, yet never quite wisely." He sees that "a little forgetfulness may be in order" but that today "the dark chords of memory swell the chorus of nationalism and faith."

Alas, the American Academic Alliance for Israel has made its own sorry contribution to the chorus.

The writer is an author and editor active in the peace movement.

THREE legal cases that have made the headlines in the past year tell us a lot about the status of women, men, children and the welfare authorities in our courts. To put it in a nutshell: Those who win aren't necessarily those in the right, but those who are strongest.

• A baby born as the result of intercourse with a minor is to be sent for adoption, not handed over to its father. This was what the social workers recommended; it was also apparently what the mother wished.

• A man suspected of rape received custody of the child born as a result of the act.

• If the Supreme Court confirms its decision, Ruti Nahmani's ovum, fertilized in vitro, will be destroyed on the request of her ex-husband.

In the first case, the under-age mother claimed that it wasn't imaginable that she "should see that man and his wife bringing up the child" in her neighborhood. The father, she added, didn't deserve to benefit from "poisoned fruit."

On the face of it, the court decided in favor of the mother and against her exploitation as a baby-producing machine - a decision that can be viewed as recognition of the price she paid, and

The courts, in a semblance of justice, hide behind the social workers' skirts

as giving more weight to the harm done to her than to the father's biological right.

In fact, however, the court, in choosing to allow the baby to be adopted, favored the position of the welfare authorities, represented by the social worker (as it does in 90 percent of reports submitted by social workers, according to research done at Haifa University).

The welfare authorities have vested interests, one of which is their need of a reservoir of babies for adoption.

But is adoption always in the child's interests?

Had it been a question of favoring the mother's desire for custody over the father's, that would have been one thing - but why should a mother who doesn't want to bring up her child be allowed to prevent the father from doing so?

Furthermore, if the child's interests require his being brought up far away from his under-age mother, the court could have awarded the father custody on condition he move elsewhere.

THE SECOND case supports the contention that a woman's rights to respect and protection from

Lip service to women's rights

ESTHER HERTZOG



violence aren't decisive considerations for the courts.

Over a year ago the court awarded custody of a child whose

mother claimed he had been born after she was raped by a police officer to the childless officer and his wife.

The boy, aged three, had been living with his mother since his birth. When she claimed child support from the officer, he at first denied paternity. When he was proved to be the father, he shifted his ground, and claimed custody.

In this case the court ignored the woman's claim that she had been raped, preferring the "interest" of the child (growing up in a stable family). The social workers supported the father's claim.

According to the mother's lawyer, Zvi Tahori, the father has since moved, and hasn't honored the mother's visitation rights.

In this case, the court seemed to be influenced both by the fact that the father was a senior figure in the police force, and by the recommendation of the welfare authorities.

When one considers these cases closely, neither the infringement of maternal rights nor a child's best interests appear to be paramount in the eyes of the welfare authorities or the courts. The pivotal factor in the court's decisions seems to be the social workers' opinion.

In the first case, the injury to the mother - a minor - was central, and the child's interests only secondary. The second case was exactly the opposite: Here, the "child's interests" were presented as overriding; the mother's rights and her claim of rape were considered irrelevant.

In the Nahmani case, the court's decision proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that a woman's status - pregnant, giving birth, or infertile - doesn't cut much ice. Her great investment in the process of bringing children into the world, it turns out, isn't that significant.

Had it been, Ruti Nahmani's suffering, as she went through the process of getting her ovum fertilized, and her struggle against cancer, would have become a central factor in the court's deliberations.

But instead the court opted for a man's capricious claim that it would be better for the child not to be born at all, since that was what its biological father wanted. A most inhuman interpretation, surely, of the child's "interests."

To put it bluntly, the court isn't really interested in women's rights or equality. It allows men, and the state, to infringe upon a woman's right to her child, and to belittle the physical and emotional investment of pregnancy.

On the other hand, the court seemingly has no problem with reducing the sentences of men found guilty of violence, while ignoring sexual and other violence against women on grounds of "insufficient evidence."

It often hides behind the skirts of the social workers, the child's "interests," and false claims of a man's right to his seed.

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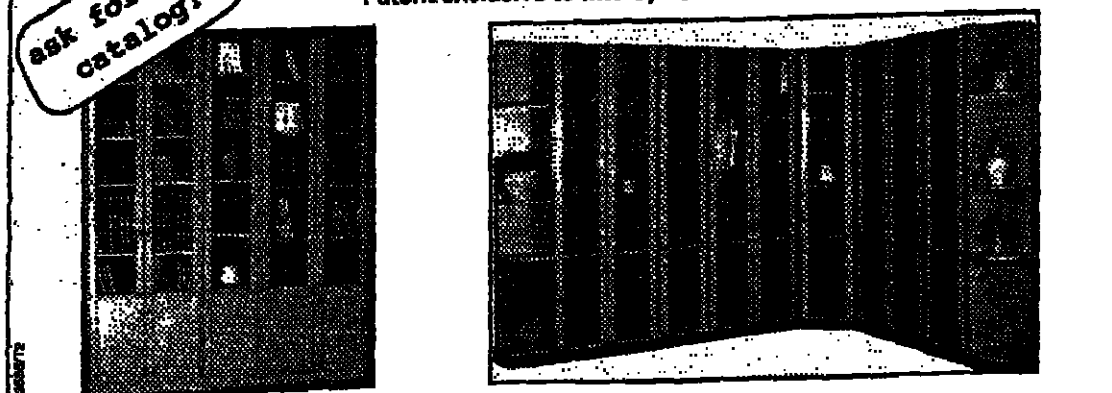
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Teenage girl tells of Branch Davidian horrors as Waco hearings open

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interrupting partisan sniping at the Waco hearings, a teenage girl described in chilling detail her life inside the Branch Davidian compound — from having sex at age 10 to being taught to place a gun inside her mouth to commit suicide.

"I was all freaked out," a nervous Kiri Jewell, now 14, said as she recounted the first time she had sex with cult leader David Koresh. She also recounted Koresh's graphic description of sex with women and children.

Democrats called the girl on the opening day of congressional hearings in a bid to defend law enforcement's decision to raid the compound in February 1993. She said Davidians anticipated all along they would "be killed by the feds."

The testimony from Miss Jewell, who left the compound prior to the siege, brought a joint hearing of two House subcommittees to stunned silence after hours of partisan bickering. It was a surreal scene, with some of her testimony about sex in the compound so graphic that lawmakers broke in to warn television viewers.

Republicans said they were sorry for what happened to Miss Jewell but said the issue had nothing to do with what federal officials did at Waco.

As the hearing dragged into the night, Republicans got back to their agenda, prodding the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau officials who were in charge of the raid to admit that they

made some mistakes and regretted them.

Dan Hartnett, then agency deputy director for enforcement but now retired, said he still thinks about mistakes that allowed the raid to go on even after Koresh was tipped it was coming.

Hartnett said he was the only person who could have given an order to cancel the raid if the element of surprise was lost, and he did not give the order. In fact, he said, he never heard the term "element of surprise" until the day after the failed raid.

He was at once contradicted by ATF agent Davy Aguilera, who said he and Hartnett were present when then-ATF director Steve Higgins directed that the raid be canceled if agents could not surprise the Davidians.

The agency admitted errors in a Treasury Department report issued in 1993, but this was the first time the agency made a public confession of them.

Republicans also suggested that ATF could have checked on weapons allegations without a raid because Koresh, through a gun dealer, offered to meet with an agent.

Aguilera acknowledged that Koresh offered to meet with him but testified that he declined because the probe was in its early stages. ATF and Treasury officials also said in interviews that they didn't expect Koresh to show them illegal weapons.

US public skeptical over Whitewater hearings

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Republicans conducting Senate Whitewater hearings received an unpleasant shock yesterday in a poll showing most Americans thought their main aim was to embarrass President Bill Clinton.

The ABC/Washington Post poll found that 67 percent of voters believed the hearings were being held to embarrass Clinton; only 28 percent believed the Senate was investigating legitimate issues.

It showed that hearings into the real estate scandal that has haunted Clinton since the 1992 election could rebound against the Republicans.

Clinton is helped by the immense complexity of the case and the fact that all the investigations so far have failed to uncover any illegal action on his part.

The basic questions in the tangled affair include whether Clinton and his wife Hillary were improperly shielded from financial losses in a property investment when he was governor of Arkansas and whether he misused his influence.

The most dramatic moment in the first day of testimony came when Alaska Republican Frank Murkowski held up a briefcase that had contained a torn-up suicide note by White House Deputy Counsel Vincent Foster.

Murkowski provided a rare piece of political theatre for the cameras in an effort to cast doubt that the note, written on yellow legal paper and shredded into 27 pieces, could have been missed for four days at the White House after Foster was found dead of a gunshot wound two years ago.



Bosnian Serb army commander General Ratko Mladic takes time out from leading his men to lift makeshift weights at the Ukrainian UN post in Zepa in this photo taken from Bosnian Serb TV. Mladic met with civilian representatives from the Zepa enclave who negotiated their evacuation with him without the approval of the Bosnian Moslem government in Sarajevo. (Reuters)

Serbs force Zepa Moslems to leave, Bihac hit

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — Bosnian Serb forces pressed Moslem civilians to leave the eastern UN "safe area" of Zepa yesterday, while in the west hundreds fled a major tank and artillery attack on the Moslem Bihac enclave.

The Bosnian government denied Serb claims that Zepa had fallen or surrendered but said negotiations were under way to evacuate wounded and some other civilians in an operation to be monitored by the UN and International Red Cross.

As the United States called for heavy air strikes against the Serbs if they continued their offensives on UN "safe areas", UN observers reported a heavy Croatian Serb attack on the western Bihac enclave. Up to 1,200 Moslem refugees were fleeing the attack on the important town of Sturlic on the western edge of the Bihac "safe area", a UN military observer said.

UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali matched the US call for military strikes with a plea for more intensive diplomatic efforts to end the three-year-old Bosnian war.

But soon after, a Serb shell slammed into the Bosnian presidency in Sarajevo as European Union peace envoy Carl Bildt was inside negotiating with President Alija Izetbegovic.

A second shell landed nearby. No casualties were reported.

The Serb plan to remove Zepa's estimated 17,000 Moslems follows the capture of the nearby "safe area" of Srebrenica last week, and the mass exodus of over 30,000 Moslem refugees.

"We once more condemn the Serbs for their callous policy of ethnic cleansing which is an affront to the values of all civilized people," UN spokesman Chris Gunness said in Zagreb.

Serb commander General Ratko Mladic told UN peacekeepers in Sarajevo that Zepa's wounded would be evacuated first, followed by women, children and the elderly, UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said in Sarajevo.

Men aged from 18 to 55 would be detained as prisoners of war and exchanged with Serb prisoners held by the Bosnian government within 15 days, Mladic was quoted as saying.

Ivanko said President Izetbegovic appeared to accept the fact that Zepa had fallen and asked the UN peacekeeping mission to provide security for all the refugees.

UN officials were on their way to Zepa to monitor the evacuation in liaison with the Bosnian government and the Serbs, Ivanko said. A Red Cross convoy was also en route.

Sixty Serb buses arrived at a Ukrainian peacekeepers' observation post near Zepa town to evacuate the civilians to central Bosnia.

A Bosnian Serb army spokesman said UN trucks were loading wounded Moslems in Zepa to take them to Sarajevo. This could not be confirmed independently.

Mladic said he would begin to evacuate women, children and the elderly at 2 p.m. (1200 GMT) but it was not known if the exodus had started.

"I know that people are afraid but there is no other way. Tell them it is better to go to a collection camp than on to a minefield. Tell them I have mined the area," Mladic told Moslem representatives near Zepa.

After last week's purging of Srebrenica, refugees recounted how women were taken off buses and raped and some men separated from their families and executed. The Serbs deny it.

Jewish leaders urge Germany to intervene in Bosnia

BONN (Reuters) — Two prominent Jewish personalities — German Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis and Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel — have urged Bonn to intervene militarily to stop Bosnian Serbs from expelling Moslems from their homes.

Bubis said the mass expulsions were as threatening as the pre-Holocaust Nazi harassment that drove one-third of the Jews from Hitler's Third Reich.

"Every person we leave behind without help, every life we give up, will pursue us like an eternal reproach," Wiesel said in an interview published in Stern magazine yesterday.

Bubis, in separate comments broadcast on German Radio, said Germany could no longer avoid a military role by ruling out any action in areas brutally occupied by Hitler's Wehrmacht during World War II.

"Many people hide behind the argument that Germany committed sins in former Yugoslavia and we cannot intervene there militarily," he said.

"I disagree — because Germany sinned back then, it has all the more duty to rush to help people there."

Traumatized by its Nazi past, Bonn has been slow to take up the part in international military missions its allies expected it to

join after Germany reunited in 1990.

After a long and bitter debate, parliament agreed on June 30 to send up to 14 fighter jets, transport aircraft and a field hospital to support the United Nations' rapid reaction force.

But even Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who argues a country as important as Germany must play a larger role abroad, says Bonn should not send ground troops to areas ravaged by the Wehrmacht.

Wiesel, a survivor of the Auschwitz death camp, admitted Jews found it hard to accept the idea of German troops marching off to battle again.

But he said Germany's past also meant it had to take an active role in helping to end "ethnic cleansing".

Comparing Bosnia to Germany in the 1930s, Bubis recalled that the Nazis drove out many Jews before opting for the so-called Final Solution.

About 180,000 of Germany's 500,000 Jews left the country before the "Crystal Night" pogrom of November 9, 1938 which signalled the beginning of the Nazis' drive to destroy European Jewry.

"The expulsion terror practised in Bosnia today is quite comparable to what happened from the beginning of the Third

Reich to the outbreak of the war," he said.

"The world was silent about the crimes of the Nazis and people thought appeasement could achieve something," he said.

"The Munich agreement was nothing but appeasement. I'm reminded of it by the negotiations these days, by the repeated truces that were not worth the paper they were written on."

"I cannot understand why the UN and NATO have not learned a lesson from this," he said of the 1938 meeting in Munich which handed Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland region to Hitler.

Wiesel suggested a dramatic summit meeting in Sarajevo of the US, Russian, British and French leaders might still be able to help end the fighting in Bosnia.

Turkish Cypriot head eyes unity with Turkey

NICOSIA (Reuters) — Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş warned yesterday that his breakaway state would unite with Turkey if the European Union accepted Greek Cypriot membership.

"The problem is not resolved by unilateral entry into the European Union. A divided Cyprus then becomes permanent, then the north integrates and unites with Turkey," he told a ceremony marking the 21st anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

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Water dispute: No immediate solution on tap

Talks between Israel and the Palestinians are deadlocked, as negotiators argue over who will have control of vital water resources, **Steve Rodan** reports

SEVERAL weeks ago, Israeli officials were confident they would be able to reach agreement with the Palestinians over the second stage of the Declaration of Principles within days of the July 1 deadline.

This week the talks are in deadlock and now the assessment is that the negotiations will need another month.

What happened, according to senior officials, was that the negotiators concentrated so much on security arrangements in Judea and Samaria that they forgot other important issues. They didn't realize, until this week, that the Palestinians presumed they would control everything in the territory evacuated by the IDF.

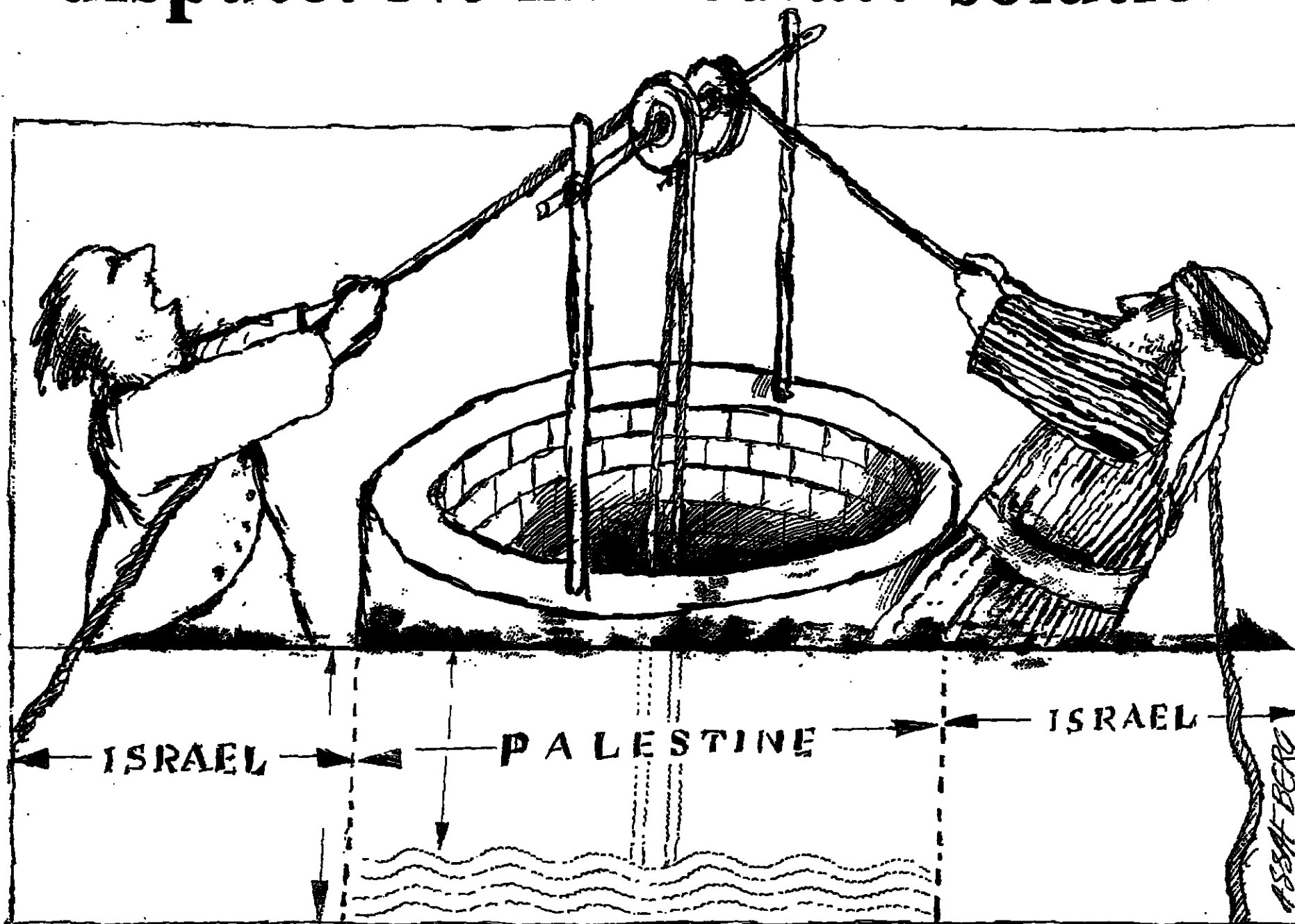
So, for example, when Israeli negotiators, prompted by Energy Minister Gonen Segev, demanded that Israel retain responsibility for electricity in Judea and Samaria even after the IDF withdrawal from the main cities, the Palestinians objected.

But the biggest issue concerns control of water resources. The Palestinians are demanding that they take charge of the water underneath the territory from which Israel withdraws.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur says that just as the Israeli negotiators were ready to wrap up the loose ends of the agreement, he raised the level of importance of water control above the other 34 spheres of authority being transferred to the Palestinians.

"Israel can't leave the area without the question of water being fully defined," Tsur says.

Israel derives 80 percent of its 600 million cubic meters of water annually from three aquifers that originate in Judea and Samaria. The western aquifer, which flows from under the Samarian hills to the coast, forms the main supply of water to the Greater Tel Aviv region and produces 350 million



cubic meters of water per year. The northern aquifer extends from Jenin to the Mt. Gilboa area and supplies water to the Jezreel Valley and Beit She'an. It produces 140 million cubic meters of water per year.

Both the northern and western aquifers are fully exploited, Israeli officials say.

The eastern aquifer, which extends from the Judean Hills eastward to the Jordan River, has the potential to supply 170 million cubic meters of water per year, about 50 percent more than its current output.

Tsur's fear is that the Palestinians will drill new wells in the northern and western aquifer and disrupt the flow of water to Israel. Drilling wells in the Tulkarm region will decrease the amount of water to Tel Aviv. New wells in Jenin will stop water heading to Afula.

"If the Palestinians drill here," Tsur says, "they take away our water going there. It's as simple as that."

Amikam Nahmani, a senior lecturer at Bar-Ilan University, agrees. "It's a zero-sum game," he says. "If I have it, then you don't have it. In our region, we have a lack of quantity of water as well as a bad quality of water."

THE PALESTINIANS have long argued that water and land are inseparable, and have refused to consider cooperation on developing new water resources.

They say that Israelis consume five times more water than Palestinians. Palestinians in Gaza and Judea and Samaria are allowed about 240 million cubic meters of water to Israel's 1.5 billion.

This amounts to the average Israeli consuming 100 cubic meters of household water per year to the Palestinian's 40. In California, the average household use is 200 cubic meters per person.

In a 1992 study, Palestinian hydrologist Nader al-Khateeb of the internationally funded Water Resources Action Program says the Palestinians must obtain a fair

share of the Jordan and Yarmouk rivers as well as total control of the eastern aquifer in the territories. He said Israel allows the Palestinians to pump 120 million cubic meters per year, 20 percent of the groundwater flow.

Khateeb says the average water use per Israeli is 375 cubic meters per capita per year. This, in contrast to 116 cubic meters per year used by a Palestinian in Judea and Samaria.

"The problem is that we are suffering too much from the water shortages in the West Bank and Gaza," Khateeb says. "It is an acute problem for us. We don't get enough water for our daily needs. In Gaza, we don't get one single drop. Almost all the water in Gaza is polluted."

In Gaza, the groundwater is very shallow. You can dig a hole and reach the water table. In the West Bank, you are dealing with completely different layers of aquifer. You have to dig hundreds of meters to reach the water table. You cannot do it man-

ually, so you can easily control it."

It takes heavy drilling rigs to reach the water table in the West Bank, and since 1967 the only drilling rig has belonged to Mekorot, the national water carrier. Along the western aquifer, there is no agricultural land, Khateeb notes, so it's unlikely farmers will drill unauthorized wells there, even if they have the right equipment to do so. "The problem is exaggerated," he says.

Desalination is always a possibility, continues Khateeb, "but at this time it is not an option for the Palestinians. It is too expensive. If desalination is too expensive for the Israelis, how can we afford it?"

Khateeb's arguments have apparently been adopted by the Palestinians in the current talks. They say that they were sold short by the 1994 Cairo accords on the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho.

The head of the Palestinian delegation to the multilateral

talks on water, Riyad al-Khouthary, who is also president of Gaza's Al-Azhar University, says the Palestinian Authority is laying claim to the water from the Jordan River as well as to the aquifers in the territories. He believes any dispute should be resolved through international arbitration.

"Our water rights are not limited to the groundwater," Khouthary argues. "It is also the Jordan River, to which we are adjacent. We have to share our water. We are not asking for a drop more water than we're entitled to. The Israeli argument is that we both have water problems, so let's desalinate. We reject this."

SENIOR ISRAELI officials, including Tsur, say the government is willing to offer the Palestinians a greater share of the unexploited eastern aquifer while retaining full control of the northern and western aquifers. Israel argues that development of new water

resources must be a priority, the benefits of which will be shared by Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians.

Tsur cites other issues in which the two sides are in disagreement. One is that the Israelis want to maintain supervision over the areas from which the IDF withdraws, in order to ensure that the Palestinians do not drill without Israeli approval.

The Israelis are also insisting that they supervise the quality of water in the autonomous region. "We have to check what they are pumping," Tsur says. "We also have to check the sewage. If they don't treat the sewage, it will affect the groundwater."

Tsur also wants Israel to continue to supply water to many Jewish settlements. He says the government will ensure that major communities in the territories have separate lines to Mekorot. Smaller Jewish settlements, he says, will be linked to the new Palestinian water authority but be given water reserves in case their supply is cut off.

The agriculture minister is skeptical about the Palestinians supervising themselves. He points to Gaza, where he says Palestinians have drilled numerous unapproved wells. The groundwater is in a deplorable state.

Israeli authorities do not supervise water production in Gaza, Tsur says, because Israel obtains the underground water flow first.

The gap between the Israeli and Palestinian positions on water led to a breakdown on the first day of negotiations. On Wednesday, to the chagrin of Israeli negotiators, the water issue was discussed in Cairo by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Israeli sources say Peres offered to augment the current allocation to the Palestinians by up to 50 million cubic meters per year, but insisted that Israel maintain control.

Despite the dispute, senior Israeli officials say they're hopeful that the two sides will reach an accommodation that will last until the discussion of final status issues in the territories, which is to begin at the latest by May 1996. Peres said after his meeting with Arafat that he'd reached an understanding with the PLG chief regarding both water and security that now has to be translated into a written agreement. He would not elaborate.

"We are on the right train going in the right direction," Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni says. "There are, however, many obstacles on the way and we don't feel we have all the time we need."

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Husseini: A big fish in a crowding pond

FAISAL Husseini cuts an impressive figure, mobile phone in hand, seated in one of the finely decorated receiving rooms of Orient House, a PLO flag behind him, bodyguards nearby.

But is the man who heads the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem as powerful a political figure as he seems? Several recent events seem to indicate otherwise.

Palestinian sources say that during PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's visit last month to Jericho, Husseini found himself outsmarted by his leader.

Husseini was among the senior PA officials at a meeting with the chairman. At the start of the meeting, the sources say, Arafat raised the idea of reestablishing the old east Jerusalem city council.

The idea was quite simple. The renewed council, disbanded by Israel after the Six Day War, would symbolize the Palestinian rejection of Israeli sovereignty in the city.

Arafat also wanted the council to attempt to carry out various "municipal" functions, such as developing education and health programs, in defiance of the Jerusalem Municipality.

Those quasi-municipal functions were traditionally the jurisdiction of Orient House and, according to the sources, Husseini wanted none of Arafat's proposal. Husseini also considered the body a potential political thorn in his side, weakening, if only symbolically, his authority in Jerusalem.

Arafat at first appeared to give in to Husseini's opposition. The subject was pulled from the agenda. The Orient House chief then left the meeting, complaining he was not feeling well.

Later that day Husseini heard the news: Arafat had decided to go ahead with the east Jerusalem city council proposal.

"I was angry because the language of the decision was 'to establish' or 'reestablish' [the east Jerusalem city council], and this is not correct," Husseini said in an interview on Monday.

"The municipality of [east] Jerusalem ... never stopped its work; continuing to operate in exile, even upon the mayor's return to Jerusalem two years ago,"

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Husseini added.

It is widely accepted, however, that the council existed since 1967 largely in name only. What Arafat was offering was to pump new life — through money — into the body.

Husseini then made the closest thing to a direct criticism of Arafat and the PA in the interview, clearly reflecting his displeasure with the events in Jericho:

"The only thing I can understand from what happened," Husseini said, "is that because the PA came here [to Gaza and Jericho] only recently, it doesn't understand the situation."

IN RESPONSE to a question, Husseini said he didn't believe that Arafat was trying to undermine his authority in Jerusalem.

The establishment and activities of additional Palestinian authorities beyond Orient House in eastern Jerusalem, according to Husseini, is to his benefit and that of all Palestinians.

"Before the PA reached Gaza," Husseini noted, he was responsible for PLO affairs not only in Jerusalem but "also the West Bank, and to some extent also Gaza. So when the PA reached Gaza, I took it from my shoulders and put it on the shoulders of the authority. When they reached Jericho and started working in the West Bank also, I got rid of them and went on only taking the responsibility of Jerusalem."

"In Jerusalem, there are many things to be responsible for," Husseini added. "I don't believe that it all must be on my shoulders."

If less "on my shoulders" is indeed Husseini's wish, then he has certainly received what he wanted from the PA, as well as from Palestinian leaders in Jerusalem.

The Wakf, the leading Moslem religious authority that oversees al-Aksa Mosque, is largely in the hands of the PA minister of the Wakf, Hassan Tabboub.

In recent months, a long-dormant organization, the Council of Arab Moslems and Christians, has also become active again, under the authority of Tabboub and

another leading PLO figure in Jerusalem, Hanna Siniora.

The harshest blow to Husseini's authority, at least on a personal level, has been Arafat's dealings with Husseini's friend Mahdi Abdul Hadi.

Abdul Hadi, president of the Jerusalem-based Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs, is one of Husseini's closest associates. Abdul Hadi's office is only a few blocks away from Husseini's Orient House, and the two meet and consult frequently.

Arafat, however, has recently tried to undercut that relationship by requesting that Abdul Hadi report directly to him concerning various projects being conducted at PASSIA, according to sources in eastern Jerusalem.

Husseini said he had never heard about direct contacts between Arafat and Abdul Hadi. In any event, he added, "We have many institutions aligned with us [at Orient House], but since the PA is not an enemy, there is no reason they should not be in direct contact."

The difficulties and competition from within the PA and the PLO are not Husseini's only concern. There are also the opposition factions, which are particularly strong in Jerusalem.

The upcoming PA elections will be the first real test of those competing forces on Husseini who, along with other Palestinian residents of the city, will likely be allowed to run, despite the original Israeli opposition to their candidacies.

Husseini declined to talk about his political future, saying that he would not decide on his candidacy until an agreement is reached on the interim stage and elections.

He was quick to vow that he would remain loyal to Arafat and not "rock the boat" by acting against the chairman's wishes.

"We have reached a situation today which is as if Yasser Arafat is pushing a car up a hill, and has reached the most difficult part, and must put more effort to reach the top," Husseini said.

"To make any changes now would cause the car to roll back down. The only thing people can do now is to go and push with him [Arafat], the way that he wants."

A younger cabinet with more smarts

THE WEEK THAT WAS

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THIS was the week the cabinet performed a neat trick — it halved its average age and doubled its IQ.

It may not yet be Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's dream team, but the addition of Ehud Barak and Yossi Beilin certainly gives a face-lift to the cabinet's sagging jowls.

The "Bibi factor" is now an accepted feature of Israeli politics — a party without attractive, telegenic, clear-speaking performers whose teeth and hair are all their own is a party without a future in the theater of the primaries.

Now it's Labor's "interim generation" — ministers in their 50s — who should be fretting and checking the Yellow Pages for image doctors. They should note that Beilin's doctoral thesis in 1981 explored intergenerational friction in Israeli political parties.

With one giant leap Barak and Beilin have soared over the heads of Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin, and Moshe Shalom to seize precedence in the leadership parade.

Already hailed as Labor's anointed ones, the two new boys are a perfect balance in the cabinet.

Former chief of general staff Barak adds a dash of macho, ex-general, security-minded sex appeal. Soft-spoken, intellectual, dovish Beilin is a still-water-runs-deep counterpoint.

Likud future-watchers are not fazed. They suggest that Barak and Beilin are so well balanced they cancel each other out in the political equation, especially since Barak is Rabin's favorite and Beilin is a long-loyal Shimon Peres man.

DIE HARD

Barak's grand entrance had something of the flavor of Bruce Willis arriving in a restaurant by driving a truck through the window, with crashes, bangs, and shots fired in all directions at anything that moved and a lot that didn't.

Because of the Tze'elim-2 media furor, he drew all the spotlights, leaving Beilin in the shadows.

Yet, in the long run, many consider the less flashy Beilin, clutching "only" the minor economic-planning portfolio, as the



Two new 'interim generation' ministers: The macho Barak (left) and the intellectual Beilin.



(Grizinsky/Israel Sun; Ephraim Kishitok)

weightier cabinet addition. Beilin, who owes his appointment to some subtle twisting of Rabin's arm by Peres, now occupies the most senior position among the group of eight Young Turks in Labor's faction — formerly known as Histadrut chairmen Haim Ramon's group. From slot No. 24 on the Labor list, he is now sure to open among the top 10 for the primaries.

As a chief architect of the Oslo agreements, Beilin brings years of quiet political and diplomatic experience to the cabinet table. He began as Labor spokesman and then cabinet secretary before becoming director-general of the Foreign Ministry, deputy finance minister and deputy foreign minister. Political rivals would be hard-pressed to dent his record of integrity, courage and weltanschauung.

Unlike the ambitious Barak, Beilin so far has shown no inclination to be prime minister, nor even to build a personal political power base.

At the central committee meeting approving the new appointments, Rabin acknowledged his bitter feud with Beilin. After all it was Rabin, not a Likud enemy, who came up with the stinging "Peres's poodle" insult that has endured in the collective public memory.

Funny, but probably never fair, it is now laid to rest and no one will again call Beilin anyone's poodle.

Barak certainly is the one who has to prove himself on the civilian political battlefield, and he

cannot continue to do so in the manner of a supreme military commander.

The media barrage Barak faced when he shed the armor of his uniform, and his inept emotional counteroffensive, showed a man floundering rather than swimming after his dive into frontline politics. He urgently needs to swap military advisers for media ones.

DERI'S COOKIE CRUMBLES

One person distinctly underwhelmed by Barak's appointment as interior minister was a former interior minister, Shas strongman Aryeh Deri.

Deri continued pulling ministry strings long after he exited with pending criminal charges swirling around him. His ongoing trial may outrun even the OJ Simpson saga.

On the new Barak era, Deri contributed hums and haws and er-ums. The ministry is extremely complicated, he hedged. Barak is of course terribly talented and all that, but may not be quite suited to this particular ministry.

Deri for long managed to keep his cake while eating it. Dangling the Shas-in-the-coalition bait under Rabin's nose, he kept Shas minions in the headless Interior and Religious Affairs ministries while Shas proper sat in opposition, laughing all the way to the bank as generous financial allocations to the party's institutions kept flowing from the two ministries.

Even now, rumors have it that Shas and Rabin have a tacit

agreement that the new ministers will not rock the boat of historic Shas hegemony in Interior and Religious Affairs. In return, Shas will not vote against the government in no-confidence motions on security affairs.

Question is, can anyone see Barak toting the Deri red flag?

BYZANTIUM LIVES

Barak may soon be as frustrated as Shimon Shetreet. The religious-affairs minister is angry. All his revolutionary reforms are being pooch-pooched as window dressing as some press reports declare that cash keeps slipping into those Shas institutions — even those found by the state comptroller to be fictitious or giving false criteria for getting state funds.

Shetreet concedes it's difficult to get back millions of shekels taken under false pretenses and imposing financial penalties on institutions like Shas's Ma'ayan Hityashvut is legally complicated.

But, he says, that does not detract from the fact that henceforth "nobody will get anything he doesn't deserve. We have set up a special committee to check every institution and every allocation. As far as I'm concerned, Ma'ayan Hityashvut is suspect and it will be scrutinized."

"You won't find me swimming in the next State Comptroller Report, and that's a promise," Shetreet said confidently.

Shas pushed for Shetreet's appointment on the theory that as a traditional (mis)erotic man, he would not dare mess with the party's administration in the ministry. Now Shas wants him out, and has apparently told Rabin so.

So, Rabin's last offer went to return to the coalition and take back both ministries. But Deri wouldn't commit himself — now, maybe later, was as far as he could go. Apparently afraid to risk having his domain slip away to any other Shas MK who might come to the fore, Deri overcame spiritual mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's desire to reject the cabinet and vetoed the move.

Instead, Deri suggested to Rabin that he might give the Religious Affairs Ministry to Yosi Beilin.

Come again? Beilin? What devious twist was this? Seems Shas had fond memories of Beilin as deputy finance minister, when the cash flowed like water.

"No," said Rabin unequivocally.

THE PLO'S HIDDEN BILLIONS

■ The British National Criminal Intelligence Service reported in 1994 that the PLO is estimated to have \$8-10 billion in hidden assets and \$1 1/2-2 billion in annual income.

■ A report from the General Accounting Office (GAO) is said to reveal that the net worth of Arafat's empire is billions of dollars higher than the earlier British estimate.

■ The administration is withholding this report from Congress, preempting Congressional responsibility, and not allowing groups such as the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to perform their duties.

■ Several administration departments and agencies — including the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency — were less than forthcoming with the GAO during its audit. Rachel Ehrenfeld, an expert on international money laundering, says: "The administration did everything it could to sabotage this investigation."

■ We believe the "secret" classification of the GAO Report is for political purposes only, as the contents most likely reveal a continuation of systematic plundering of assets meant for building a Palestinian infrastructure.

■ Since the renewal or modification of the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPFA) is under discussion at the moment, we feel it is improper for the administration and some members of Congress to withhold this vital information.

■ We believe it is improper for the Israeli government to advocate giving American funds to the PLO in light of secret PLO documents that suggest the misuse of American money. These documents have been substantiated as valid by Congressional sources and exposed by the Israeli press.

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Forewarned is forearmed in the battle with Syria

A decision to call up the reserves or initiate an air strike depends on an accurate early warning of hostile military moves, Dore Gold writes

EARLY warning is one of the few security subjects in the complex Golan negotiations whose importance is implicitly understood by much of the Israeli public.

This is partly due to the fact that Israel was the victim of a surprise attack in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Thus, warning failures, in the Israeli experience, can have disastrous results, from heavy casualties to the threat of military defeat.

But even without the Yom Kippur War, early warning would have special significance for Israel. With little strategic depth for absorbing the first blow of a military attack, this country's national-security doctrine in the past stressed the need for preemptive strikes against massing hostile forces along its borders. In a period of territorial concessions, the importance of such options increases.

The ability to preempt, or even to just hold a defensive line, has been largely dependent on the rapid mobilization of the IDF's reserve forces. A decision by the Israeli government to call up the reserves or initiate an air strike is ultimately dependent on accurate and timely early warning of an adversary's first hostile military moves.

But in the last week, President Hafez Assad directly tied Israel's conceding its early-warning positions on the Golan Heights – and especially on Mt. Hermon – to the resumption of direct military-to-military talks in Washington between Israeli and Syrian officers.

The Rabin government had hoped to retain some of these ground-based early warning facilities as part of a general agreement on security arrangements, even if they came to be located on land that it eventually recognizes as being under Syrian sovereignty.

The Syrians have been less guided by Israeli strategic arguments and more by their own political considerations.

Looking at precedents, they have noted that Israel did not retain its great early warning station in Sinai, at Umm Khushba. It withdrew lock, stock and barrel from Egyptian territory and placed its early warning facilities in the Negev.

Politically, 16 years after the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the Syrians do not want to obtain from Israel less than the Egyptians did. If anything, they want to produce a better agreement in order to demonstrate that they were right to hold out all these years.

Will early warning create the impasse that ultimately blocks a Syrian-Israeli deal? Are there alternatives that are being considered?

For example, the Syrians have claimed that advanced technology permits alternatives to Israel's ground-based stations.

Of course, early warning is not just a radar screen picking up the movement of attacking aircraft. It is a picture composed from many sources over time that indicates – by several clear signs like the preparation of ammunition depots, the movement of engineering equipment and increased military readiness – whether an adversarial force is creating an option to attack.

Effective early warning requires 24-hour-a-day coverage, by visual and electronic means, in order to ascertain what precise changes have occurred in the force dispositions of the other side.

WHAT ABOUT putting Israel's early warning systems in the air? Many states have used intelligence balloons for such purposes.

In the Golan Heights, however, weather conditions, including heavy cloud cover, rule out this option. Any air-based early warning could be shot down by surface-to-air missiles in the opening stage of a war, before the Israel Air Force could suppress air-defense systems on the other side.

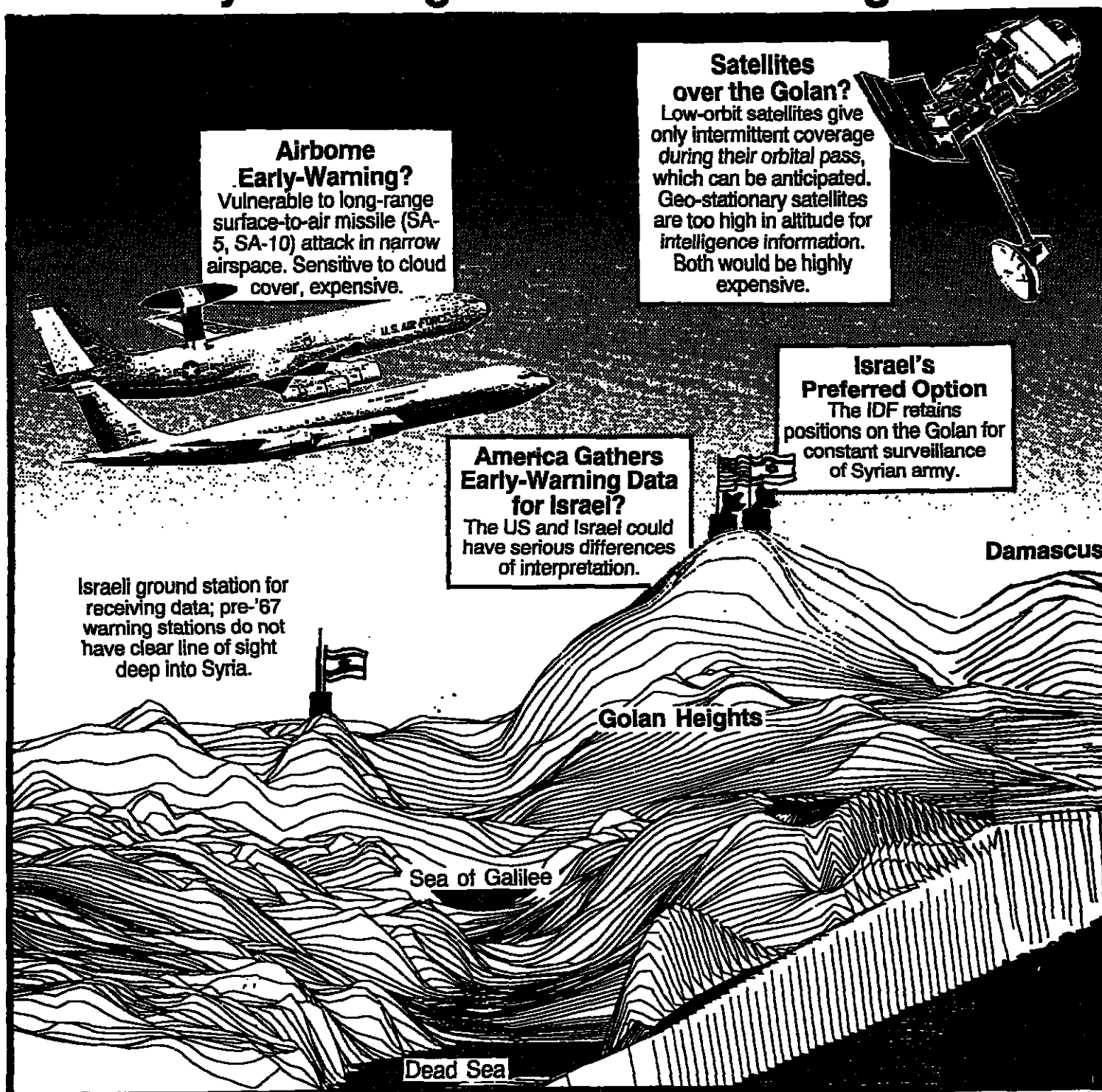
During the Gulf War, the US used a new aircraft called J-STARS that can detect the movement of armored vehicles on the ground at great distances.

Strictly speaking, these were not early-warning aircraft, with the same full range of detection systems, but they provided intelligence to ground forces.

They could pick out targets 200 km. inside Iraq while safely hovering in Saudi Arabian airspace.

However, in the June issue of *Israel Air Force Magazine*, IAF Commander Maj.-Gen. Herzl

Early Warning on the Golan Heights



Graphics by Ruth Kovel, adapted from a map by Geoffrey Kemp, reprinted from 'The Control of the Middle East Arms Race.'

Bodinger said that J-STARS may not be appropriate for Israel.

Besides technical issues such as Israel's electromagnetic environment, Bodinger focused on the cost. Israel might need to procure up to three aircraft and a special ground station; total start-up costs for the J-STARS, according to Bodinger, would reach \$1 billion.

At least one J-STARS must be kept in the air 24 hours a day. Even after procuring the system, its daily usage would pose a considerable burden on the defense budget. Finally, Bodinger noted that the US would control the J-

STARS' software, which would increase Israel's dependence on Washington if modifications of its early warning programs had to be made.

WHAT ABOUT obtaining early warning from satellites in space?

Most intelligence-gathering satellites fly in low-earth orbits, from which they can detect military developments only during the period in which they are over an adversary's territory.

A 1991 study prepared for the Office of Technology Assessment of the US Congress pointed out many of the weaknesses of satel-

lite reconnaissance when it was used against the Russians. The report stated:

"It is taken as a given by each side that the other will refrain from some activities, which would otherwise be observable, during a satellite pass – once or a few times a day, say for a total of 20 minutes."

The long advance predictability of reconnaissance coverage makes it possible to hide, by careful scheduling, even large and elaborate activities."

It is possible to put a satellite into high-earth orbit so that it can have constant coverage of a coun-

try like Syria.

But from great distances, many of the types of electronic detection that are used on the Golan cannot be employed.

It is also possible to put into space a whole ring of low-orbital satellites.

Either of these options would entail enormous costs for both Israel and the US.

Even if the money were available, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that the Pentagon had determined that there was no full substitute for Israel's collection ca-

pabilities in its ground positions on the Golan Heights.

ON JULY 10, Radio Damascus carried a report that Syria would allow Israel to retain early warning positions if they were run by a third party, and not by Israeli soldiers. Later, Syrian officials denied that this was their position.

Nonetheless, the report raised the option of putting Americans on the Golan who would relay the information that they gathered to an Israeli ground station in Galilee.

While the US has been involved in monitoring Arab-Israeli agreements since 1974 along disengagement lines, Washington has not been engaged in strategic early warning of developments deep in the territory of Israel's adversaries.

Should the American role be expanded into this area, the US and Israel would approach early warning from completely different perspectives: The US would tend to play down Syrian actions in order to protect the new status quo: Israel would be interested in knowing whether it should take preemptive action.

These differences came into play in 1970, when Israel and the US interpreted very differently Soviet-Egyptian violations of the cease-fire agreement at the end of the War of Attrition. It is not surprising that a large number of former Israeli intelligence officers, regardless of their political affiliations, firmly oppose Israeli dependence on third parties for information connected with existential decisions of a future Israeli government, such as mobilizing the reserves.

Considering the alternatives, it is likely that Israel will continue to seek to man its Golan early-warning stations. These ground stations are so vital that the Rabin government has even gone so far as to offer the Syrians stations of their own within pre-1967 Israel as compensation.

However the issue is decided, early warning is only a single component of the Golan security problem; even the most technologically advanced warning can be misinterpreted – as was the case in 1973 and in the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Satellites can't stop tanks, so Israel will still need to design an effective defense for the North in the event of a warning failure. Considerable negotiations will still be necessary in the security field before it is possible to ascertain whether a Golan agreement is in sight.

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Gur: The man who opened the gates of Jerusalem

Mordecai Gur, who took his life this week at age 65, will best be remembered for his command of the paratroop brigade that captured Jerusalem's Old City in the Six Day War. Abraham Rabinovich recalls that chapter.

FOR Motta Gur, the gates of Jerusalem began to unlatch a week before the Six Day War.

The reserve paratroop brigade that the 37-year-old colonel commanded had been designated for a jump near El-Arish in the event that war broke out with Egypt, which had massed its army in the Sinai.

The drop would be on the first night of the war. The brigade's mission was to fight its way into the town and block the retreat of the Egyptian army, which it was hoped would be reeling backwards by then from Israel's initial armored thrust.

As his unit lay encamped among the orange groves of Rehovot at the end of May waiting for the war to start, Gur permitted himself to fantasize another mission — the capture of Jerusalem's Old City.

For a man who saw his generation playing a pivotal role in Jewish history, it was the ultimate mission. The government, and the army command, prayed that Jordan would stay out of the war, since the bulk of the IDF's strength was deployed in the south. The last thing Israel wanted was a multi-front war.

But Gur hoped that Jordan would offer Israel an opportunity to recoup history's 2,000-year-old debt.

The chance could come, as he saw it, on June 7, when the bi-monthly convoy to the Israeli enclave on Mount Scopus was due to make its next trip under UN escort. There was a reasonable chance, he thought, that the Jordanians might try to block the convoy because of the war-edge tension.

If that happened, the Israeli

government might attempt to force passage. There was no unit better suited for such a mission, he believed, than his own — the 55th Paratroop Brigade, made up of veteran reservists.

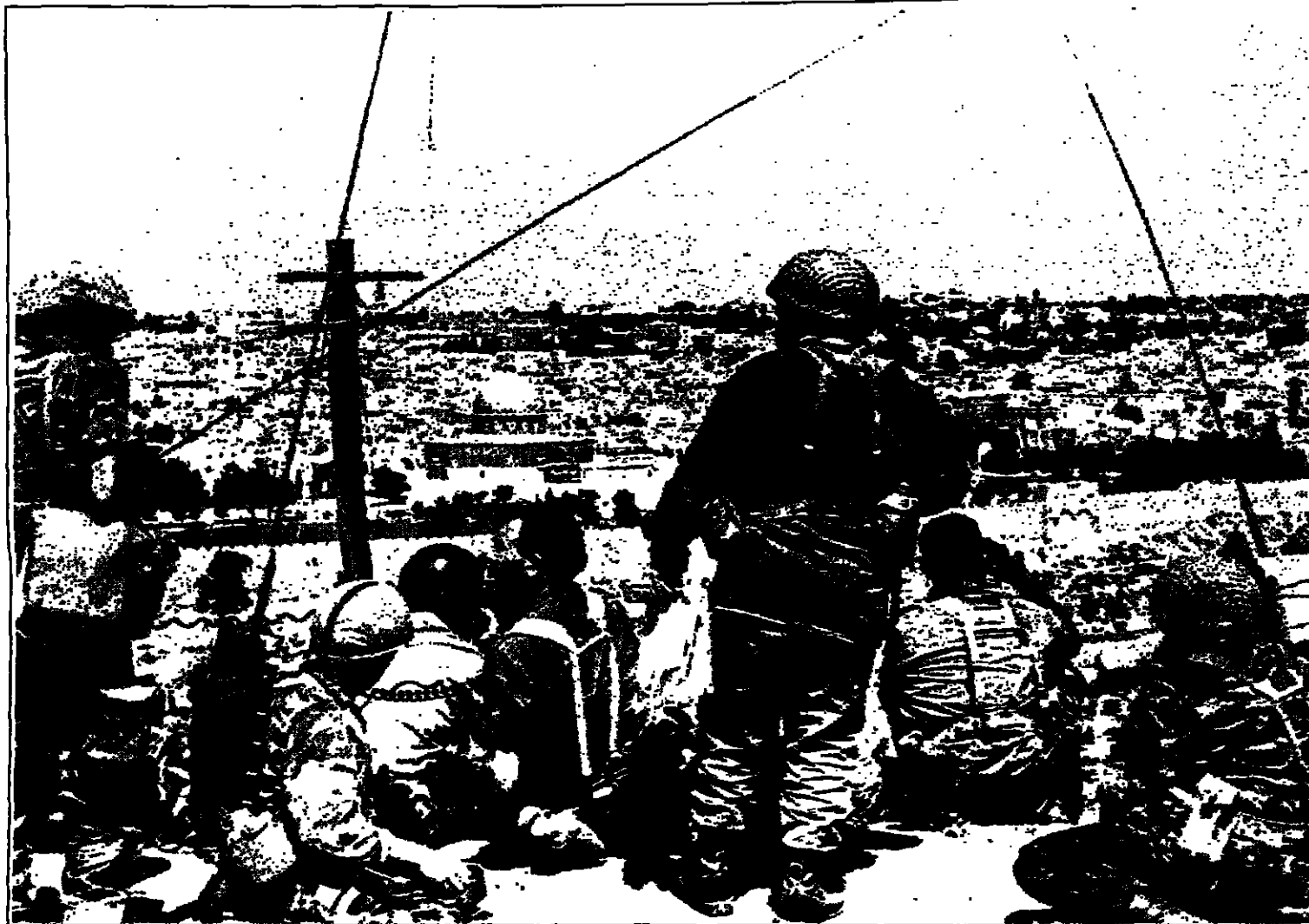
He had, in fact, begun preparing for such a mission since serving as commander of the Golani Brigade five years before. He had then trained a battalion for the possibility of an assault on the Old City, including use of scaling ladders — just in case developments ever led in that direction.

On June 1, Gur drove up to Jerusalem at his own initiative with the 55th Brigade's intelligence officer for a tour of the fortified line dividing the city. Their guide was the commander of the reservist Jerusalem Brigade. Gur entered a trench opposite the American Colony Hotel and studied the formidable Jordanian defenses through binoculars.

It was clear to him that there was a better chance of making it across no-man's-land at night than during the day. Returning to base, he notified his superiors that he planned to send his battalion commanders up to Jerusalem in two days to study the city line. He was told not to bother, since there was no chance the brigade would be sent to Jerusalem.

WITHIN HOURS after war broke out on the morning of June 5, it became apparent that Israeli armored forces were making swift progress on the El-Arish route that there would be no need for Gur's brigade.

Jordan had opened heavy fire in Jerusalem, and at 2:30 p.m. he was ordered to send one of his three battalions up to the city to help the hard-pressed Jerusalem



Motta Gur (seated, center, his profile visible) gives the battle orders to his troops moments before they moved in to capture the Temple Mount. Gur fantasized about the capture of the Old City a week before.

Brigade hold the line.

Half an hour later, a second battalion was called for. The third followed soon after. Gur stopped off in Central Command headquarters in Ramle on his way up to Jerusalem for a quick briefing from the O.C., Brig-Gen. Uzi Narkiss.

"Mount Scopus is in danger," Narkiss said. "Your job is to link up with it." For the first time, Gur understood that the brigade's role would not be defensive. "Remember the Old City," Narkiss said. "You'll have to bear right toward the Rockefeller Museum and be ready to penetrate the walls."

Narkiss was exceeding his instructions. He had been ordered only to relieve the garrison on Mount Scopus, but he assumed, and hoped, that the dynamics of events would inevitably lead to the Old City. On a map, Narkiss assigned Gur his assault sector — a kilometer-long stretch between the Mandelbaum Gate (the intersection of Shmuel Hanavi and Shmuel Yisrael streets) and Ammunition Hill.

Gur and his aides piled into the mobilized civilian car that had

been assigned to them and started up a back road to Jerusalem. As the car labored up the hills, the driver had to pull over periodically to pour water into the steaming radiator.

Gur used the time to prepare his attack plan. Even in the fast-moving IDF, it normally took 48 hours to prepare a brigade attack plan, deploy units and send them into action. Gur had less than 10 hours.

He would have liked to have four breakthrough points to increase the chances that at least one thrust would successfully make it through the minefields and enemy fire.

But there was neither time nor equipment for that, and he settled for two. One would be at the northern end of the line opposite Ammunition Hill. The other would be near Mandelbaum Gate.

Gur met his three battalion commanders at the Schneller Compound and led them to the corner of Tzefania and Bar-Ilan streets. Looking down Bar-Ilan they could see the Ammunition Hill sector a kilometer to the east. Despite the shells falling

randomly, Gur spread a map on the sidewalk of the deserted street and outlined his plan. The attack would begin at 2 a.m.

When Narkiss reached Jerusalem after dark, he found Gur and his staff in the Evelina de Rothschild School in Rehavia.

In the natural-science room, filled with samples of lizards and butterflies, Gur and his staff were sitting on the floor studying air photos.

GUR DESCRIBED his plan to Narkiss. One battalion would break through at Ammunition Hill and effect the linkup with Mount Scopus just beyond. However, the main thrust would be near Mandelbaum Gate so as to position the bulk of the brigade for a follow-up attack on the Old City.

"Approved," Narkiss said. His fellow Jerusalemite had understood that Mount Scopus was the route they were taking to the Temple Mount.

The next day, Tuesday, June 6, after fierce battles, the brigade was ensconced north of the Old City, but its orders were to remain in place. The government

had not yet decided to take the Old City.

Chief Army chaplain Rabbi Shlomo Goren found Gur in the courtyard of the Rockefeller Museum and asked to be permitted to be the first to reach the Western Wall.

"Sorry, rabbi," Gur said. "We haven't got permission to go in. Maybe you can get it for us." The distraught Goren suggested to Gur that he ignore orders. "You're not afraid to take chances," he said. "We could fix it up afterwards. What do you say?"

Gur said no, but he had in fact been thinking of that very thing. What would history say, he wondered, if Israel turned away from this moment? What would history say about him as the commander who failed to seize this historic opportunity?

Perhaps he could order his men to secure a foothold inside one of the Old City gates and afterwards call it "hot pursuit." He abandoned the idea only when Narkiss radioed the government's decision to take the Mount of Olives.

On the following morning, June 7, Gur stood on a balcony of a hotel at the rear of the Rockefeller Museum watching four Israeli jets dump canisters of napalm on the Jordanian trenches below Augusta Victoria on the ridge top to the east.

As the planes pulled away, tanks started up the Mount of Olives road and paratroopers advanced up the slopes. Gur ran down from his lookout and climbed into his half-track, which followed the tanks up the ridge. He alighted in front of the International Hotel.

The Old City lay below him. The clean lines of the Temple Mount were set off by the formless hives of the residential quarters. As he surveyed the scene, gripped by emotion, his intelligence officer responded to a call on the radio. It was Central Command relaying an order from Chief of Gen. Staff Yitzhak Rabin. The intelligence officer repeated it aloud to Gur: "You are

to enter the Old City immediately and capture it."

GUR HAD been waiting for that order for the past 24 hours. More to the point, he felt, the Jewish nation had been waiting for it for 19 centuries.

"Confirm receipt of the order," he said. "Tell him we'll execute it immediately."

Gur climbed into his half-track and started in the wake of the tanks down a back road that would permit them to approach the Old City from the south. Halfway down he changed his mind and ordered the driver to climb back up to the International lookout.

"I want to give the command for the conquest of the Old City from an appropriate place," he explained to his staff.

Dismounting, they sat on the ground and looked at the city spread below them. Smoke from mortar shells wreathed the north-east corner of the Old City behind Lions' Gate, which was being softened up for the breakthrough.

Gur ordered all shelling halted so that he could see the objectives more clearly. "I want commanders of all units to come to their radios," he ordered. Tactical instructions had to be given — he wanted the tanks to lead the way in order to suppress fire from the walls — but it was the sense of the historical moment that he principally wished to transmit.

"Paratroop Brigade 55," he began, to the astonishment of his staff. He had consciously violated a basic rule of field security against giving the designation of units on the radio. He was, however, speaking to the protocol of history.

"We stand on the heights overlooking the Old City. In a little while we will enter it — the ancient city of Jerusalem, which for generations we have dreamed of and striven for. Our brigade has been granted the privilege of being the first to enter. Eitan's tanks will advance from the left and enter Lions' Gate. The 28th [battalion] and the 71st will move to that gate, with the 66th in reserve. Now move, move. Move to the gate. We will hold our passing-out parade on the Temple Mount."

In the ensuing race for Lions' Gate, it was Gur's half-track that won, previous vehicles having been driven back by fire from the walls. A tank shell had set fire to a bus parked outside the gate, covering the surroundings in dark smoke. They could feel the heat as they passed it. As the half-track labored up the steep approach, Gur saw the heavy wooden gate canted backwards, after having been hit by a shell.

"Drive, Ben-Tzur," he called to his bearded driver, a bus driver in civilian life. With the accelerator pressed to the floor, Ben-Tzur hit the gateway dead-center and the wooden door toppled backwards. He turned left at Gur's command and drove through a small gateway onto the Temple Mount. A golden dome loomed through the trees.

Ben-Tzur halted at the foot of the Dome of the Rock platform and Gur raced with his men up the steps. There were no Jordanian soldiers in sight and no shots were fired at them. Taking the microphone from his radio man Gur called to the units under his command. "Cease fire. All units cease fire."

Then, addressing Narkiss, he said, "The Temple Mount is in our hands. Repeat. The Temple Mount is ours."

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AN OUTCRY from the parents of 17 and a half year old
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We, Noa's parents and acquaintances, are again turning to you to assist us in giving Noa the respiratory rehabilitation treatment in both lungs, diagnostic medical treatment and strict supervision she needs in order to keep her alive. For the past five and a half years Noa has been struggling bravely with the effects of the cancer which first appeared in her right lung and later spread to both her lungs. Without your generous assistance we could not have coped with all the trials and tribulations we faced in the remarkable mission to save the life of this girl, who, in the face of this dreadful disease, has kept her unwavering faith in G-d, shown tremendous courage, and a shining personal example to her family, friends and other patients, who draw constant strength and encouragement from her.
Noa's life story is a personal testimony to great strengths contained in the fragile body of a young girl, who from the age of twelve has gone through nine operations and lengthy, arduous chemotherapy. Noa needs medical check-ups every three months at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London, where she underwent two lung operations. This hospital has the most advanced, sophisticated and expensive diagnostic equipment in the world today, Imatron, found only in a few important medical centers in Europe and the U.S. Noa cannot be checked using MRI equipment, due to a 25cm. metal implant in her right leg. Regarding the CT diagnostic equipment used in Israel, it cannot be employed in this complex case to carry out the necessary diagnoses, and there have been some incidents that nearly ended in tragedy. Noa's doctors in Israel and abroad have agreed that no further risks must be taken in this regard, that G-d forbid could be critical, and that the check-ups in London every 3-6 months must be rigidly adhered to.
Noa has been feeling very bad in the last two months, experiencing a continuing decline in her blood situation, severe dizzy spells, fatigue and a disabling, continuous sensation of weakness that has affected her daily functioning. The decline in her vitality has been so marked that we were terribly worried and full of anxiety that G-d forbid a new oncological problem was developing.
Noa underwent a comprehensive, exhausting series of tests. The tests showed that Noa has apparently suffered a certain degree of damage to her heart as a result of the chemotherapy she underwent.
In a case like Noa's, where she is functioning with half her right lung and three-quarters of her left lung, there is a very high risk to her lungs in the event of any failure in her cardiac functioning.
In three weeks time, we must go to London, where Noa's lung surgeon and supervising oncologists must carry out important lung tests using the Imatron equipment. We must carry on and treat the pains in Noa's right knee, caused by metal friction in the kneecap, and the problem of loud ringing in the ears, also a result of the chemotherapy. From London we must go to Germany/Greifentstein, to continue respiratory rehabilitation at the clinic of Prof. Harold Mor, an internationally renowned expert in this field. Noa's respiratory ability is about 65% compared to a healthy girl her age, which puts a severe strain on her ability to function. The mission to save the life of Noa is not over. In order to achieve it, we need your continuing, all-important assistance.
Please, help us give Noa health, happiness, and joy in life.
Legent contributions may be forwarded to the Save Noa Esther Schwartz Fund, 6 HaRav Urmann St., Petach Tikva 46270, or directly to the Save Noa Esther Schwartz Fund bank account at Bank Hahitza'chi (20), branch no. 052, Kfar Haazmaut 12, Netanya 42271, account no: 531570.
With our utmost appreciation,
Yours very sincerely,
The Parents Haya and Moshe Schwartz
and the Family
The Public Committee Friends of the Save Noa Esther Schwartz Fund
Strengthen ye the weak hands and make firm the tottering
(Isaiah 35:3)
"חזקו ידיים רפות וכושלות אצבעות" (ישעיהו לה' ב')
We the undersigned, who know the family personality and are familiar with the details of the matter, join this appeal and warmly urge you to give the family any assistance required to save a life.
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Beware too much logic

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North (Zeligman)	East (Birman)
♠ QJ109	♠ A3
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♦ KQJ642	♦ AKQJ3
♣ 9	♣ 108753

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♥ AKJ104	♥ 764	♥ 3	♥ Q987652
♦ 82	♦ KQJ642	♦ AKQJ3	♦ 1095
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On June 15, bridge was accepted into the Olympics as a demonstration sport, which always precedes inclusion in the Olympic Games.

Though no official medals will be given in the Atlanta Olympics of 1996, the acceptance of the game by the Olympic committee will enhance its image.

Ask any bridge fanatic and he will tell you that bridge is not a card game; it is a fantastic mental power struggle between two partnerships. Nevertheless, there are times when it seems you cannot make the winning decision, no matter how much logic you apply to the situation; sometimes you can even apply too much logic.

For example, I have great sympathy for one of this country's leading players, David Birman, who was in a weird position on this hand from the Generali European Team Championships, in Vilamoura, Portugal, last month.

The Israelis were playing against a team from Italy, which eventually won the event. Birman was sitting East and heard his RHO (right-hand opponent) open the bidding one spade. He bid two notrump, which showed the minor suits. South bid three diamonds and alerted Birman, using a pad and pencil, that this was a transfer to hearts.

The table had a huge screen stretched diagonally from the North-East side to the South-West side, so when South alerted East, the other two players could not see. On the other side of the screen, North was writing a simi-

lar note to West, which also explained the three-diamond bid as a transfer.

West was Birman's regular partner, Shalom Zeligman. When he heard the news that his RHO wanted to play in hearts, he was delighted. Of course, he kept a poker face, as is his trademark, and passed three diamonds as if he didn't have a care in the world. Secretly, however, he was licking his chops, anxious to double any heart contract his opponents might reach.

At this point, the Italians seemed to be headed for disaster. But Versace (the North player who opened the bidding one spade on a hand most players would pass) was also worried about a big set in hearts. His void was not a good thing for partner, and though his partner's transfer demanded that he bid three hearts, he decided to pass three diamonds before the doubling started.

Back in the East seat, Birman was shocked when he looked at the bidding tray (where the bidding box cards are passed under the screen) and he saw that the transfer had been passed. It was unheard of for anyone to pass a transfer. What had happened?

On the one hand, it was obvious to Birman that even his great-grandmother, who probably never played the game, would double three diamonds with the A-K-Q-J-fifth of the suit. But to double this contract and allow his vulnerable opponents to escape into a better contract seemed like a stupid idea. So Birman passed, as most experts would, happy to collect a sure profit against three diamonds.

If West had led a trump, the defense could have taken five trump tricks, the ace of spades and three heart tricks. But West led a club, and now declarer managed to escape for down three, minus 300.

At the other table, North for Israel declared three clubs doubled, down two, minus 500 points. So the Israeli team won 300 points at one table, but lost 500 at the other, for a net loss of 200 points.

Had Birman used less logic and made the obvious double, South would probably have retreated to three hearts. This contract would have been doubled and gone down four tricks, 1,100 points, and a net profit of 600 points to the Israelis.



The song of the adult finch is sweetly melodious and can be heard throughout summer.

A fly-by-night visitor

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THE finches found the sunflowers in my garden this week. It is doubtful that they had any trouble doing so since the flowers are the size of soup plates. Even though the sunflowers' seeds, a favorite finch food, are still almost embryonic, the birds were busy pulling them out of the center of the flower and leaving ragged little holes in the carpet of seeds forming there.

This plundering was not resented, however, as the sunflowers, along with some Jerusalem artichokes, which also have a smallish composite flower like a miniature sunflower, rape plants, sorghum, sesame and millet, were planted in this particular corner of the garden especially for the birds.

There are 15 species of finches to be seen in Israel, but most of them are winter visitors or passing migrants. Only a few live here all year round.

The goldfinches (*Carduelis carduelis* in Latin, *hohit hazahav* in

Hebrew) that were enjoying the sunflower seeds are among the most colorful birds in Israel with a bright red face and chin, and white cheeks bordered by a striking black collar. A bright golden band along their black wings contrasts with a white rump and black tail, and is set against a chestnut body—all this color on a little bird the size of a sparrow!

The rosy bill is longish compared to other finches and very strong. Those flocking to the garden were all juveniles and so lacked the red markings that are so distinguishing in the adult. It's not uncommon to see a flock of juveniles. The young leave the nest after about three weeks but then stay under parental care for another three weeks before forming flocks and beginning to roam. The adults will remain behind in pairs and immediately start a new brood; sometimes three broods a year

may be produced, and nesting activity is observed until late July. Finches in general are divided into two main groups, those that feed their young on insects and those that feed with predigested seeds. The goldfinch is a seed feeder.

Later in the summer there will also be greenfinches (*Chloris chloris*) and linnets (*Carduelis cannabina*). Sometimes flocks of finches are mixed. The song of the adult is sweetly melodious and can be heard throughout the spring and summer.

The goldfinch is often kept as a cage bird and bred in captivity. Some fanciers, particularly Arabs, often crossbreed goldfinches with roller canaries. When the hybrid is successful they get a cage bird that has the striking plumage of the goldfinch while retaining the special song of the canary.

These hybrids are also much harder than canaries. Finches breed easily in cages: A small metal tea strainer and some cotton wool are enough of an invitation to build a nest.

At the end of summer the goldfinches will be joined by the bright-plumaged adults and the young fledglings will moult and acquire adult colors. They will roam about in flocks through the autumn and winter and start their nesting activity in the spring.

One big family

CHESS

NICK KOPALOFF

UNTIL 10 years ago, chess in Israel's Arab sector was about as popular as an afternoon snack of gefilte fish during Ramadan. But there has been a dramatic change as the Royal Game has been embraced by hundreds of enthusiastic new subjects.

Chess in Tira and environs is synonymous with Mohammed Mansour, 49.

Mansour started his chess campaign by painstakingly convincing 10 youths to try out his chess club. They liked it, and so did their friends.

"I managed to put the wheels in motion, and then I watched it roll," he remarks proudly. Today in Tira alone there are around 200 active chess players at the club and Mansour has helped set up clubs in dozens of other towns.

Mansour has cowritten Israel's first chessbook in Arabic, due to be published in the coming months. He is also negotiating with chess colleagues in Jordan and Egypt to organize regional Arab/Jewish tournaments.

Sipping Turkish coffee outside his room at Midreshet Ruppin, which was hosting the national under-14 team championships, Mansour points to the young Arab and Jewish chess players kicking around a football on the lush green lawns during their break from competition. "Chess brings all the kids together, and through the game we are all one big family."

THE ISRAELI computer program Junior improved on its trouncing of grandmaster Leonid Gofstein at the Kfar Sava Tournament with a remarkable finish, sharing third place in the eighth World Computer Chess Championships in Hong Kong last month.

Junior, which was developed by Amir Ban and Shay Bushinsky, scored 3.5 points in the five-round, Swiss-system tournament between 24 chess-playing machines.

The tournament was won by a Dutch-German program, Fritz, which edged out Star Socrates of the US. Junior was in a three-way tie with the favorite, US program Deep Blue, and Frenchess of France.

Junior has the distinction of being the world's first computer to be entered in a human league as a regular player for the 1995 season fixtures. Hapoel Kfar Sava was the lucky team to snap up the new recruit.

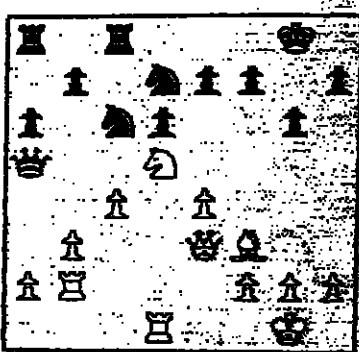
Despite Deep Blue's disappointing finish, world champion Gary Kasparov has agreed to play a six-game match in below-standard-tournament conditions

in Philadelphia early next year.

HAVING LOST against Kasparov at the Riga Tournament with the Evans Gambit, the Indian wizard Viswanathan was over the moon when he settled accounts in an extremely mediocre game at the Moscow Quickplay tournament.

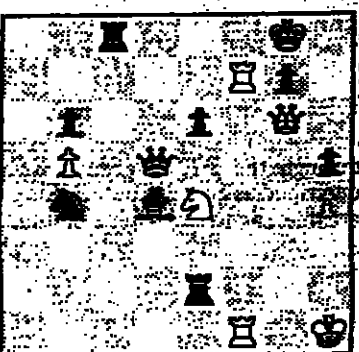
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Sicilian Defense
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 A popular line and a favorite of Nigel Short 4...Bd7 Kasparov plays this thematic move to wrest the initiative white obtains after 4...Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 5...Nc6 6.Qd2 g6 7.Bc2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rb1 a6 11.b3 Qa5 12.Bb2 Rf8 13.Rfd1 Bg4 14.Qe3 Nd7 15.Nb5 Bxb2 16.Rxb2 Bx3 17.Bx3



17...e6 This severely weakens the d pawn which so often in the Sicilian is the target of White's wrath. 18.Nc3 Rd8 19.Rb2 Nd5 20.Be2 Nb4 21.b4 b5 22.cxb5 axb5 23.Nxb5 Nxb6 24.a3 d5 25.exd5 rad5 26.Rxd5 end5 27.b4 Qa4 28.Rxd5 1-0.

British grandmaster Tony Miles, playing white, found himself in a sticky situation in his game against Nedobora at a tournament in Seville last year. How did he force a draw?



Solution: Stalemates rarely occur at top levels, so it might have come as a surprise for Nedobora when Miles played 1.Rf8+! Rxf8 2.Rxf8+ Kxf8 3.Qf7+ stalemate 0.5-0.5

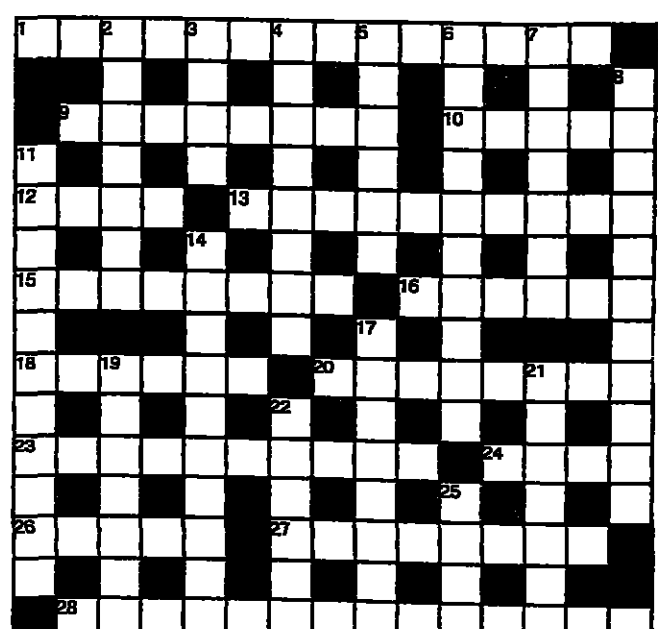
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Pause for inspiration (9-5)
- Phaeton's parts used to make another carriage (8)
- Join the bandwagon, say, of a power supporter (5)
- One not telling the truth heard on this instrument (4)
- Stupid talk about a less hairy rush (10)
- Cut back on firm fish (8)
- Make learners we included prosper (2,4)
- Jack's posh way is clearly wrong (6)
- Stupid, unlike crossword solvers (8)
- The last but seven to score (10)

DOWN

- Staunch supporter (4)
- She wept as I love Ben going round the outside (5)
- Fellows with modal beat a retreat first—it was their assistance in the crime (8)
- Make little effort to enjoy oneself? (4,6,4)
- Will mesmerise during tenth rally (7)
- Seaweed that's brown and green initially (4)
- I do, with the Parisienne, make an attempt at excessive love (8)
- Voracious newsmen in grey (6)
- Notes received by press on payday? (5,5)



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ACROSS: 1 India, 4 Pandant, 8 Correct, 9 Zebra, 10 Sky-so, 11 Name-ing, 12 Rats, 13 Eaten, 17 Escrow, 18 Dump, 23 Scorpion, 24 Livid, 26 Benin, 27 Back-saw, 28 Reynard, 29 Deter.

DOWN: 1 Incisor, 2 Derby, 3 Eyecore, 4 Patent, 5 Mium, 6 Achiten, 7 Twang, 12 Ahem, 13 Undo, 16 Tranny, 18 Spliced, 19 Widower, 21 Unshod, 22 Sober, 23 Congo, 25 Vink.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Completely (7)
- Excerpts (5)
- Heathen (5)
- Skilled artificer (7)
- Unlike (9)
- Silencer (3)
- Perspiring (6)
- Spread out (6)
- Scrap (3)
- Induced (9)
- In dispute (2,5)
- Planet's path (5)
- Enchantment (5)
- Alloy (7)

DOWN

- Printed (5)
- Label (3)
- Merciful (7)
- Caped (6)
- Sign of omission (5)
- Settler (9)
- W African country (7)
- Young bird (9)
- Cynicism (7)
- Meringue dish (7)
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- Harmony (5)
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'Plant-ins' will renew burnt forest

GARDENING

INEZ KLIMIST

THE forest fire in the Jerusalem Corridor earlier this month destroyed homes and property and a great deal of wildlife. Happily, no one was killed.

But despite all the damage, the ashes will enrich the soil, and the forest will renew itself in time. Next winter, after the rains come, we will be amazed at how soon the hills will again be covered with green, and seeds will sprout from the ashes.

The destruction of our trees is sad, but will give the JNF a rare opportunity to take a hard look at some of the errors that were made in the original planting of these trees.

Four winters ago, in 1993, we lost 30 percent of the trees in the same area, also through an act of nature (heavy snow). Trees as much as 35 cm. in diameter were snapped in half. There was definitely something wrong, and now is the time when the mistakes can be corrected, in the replanting.

The original plantings carried out by the JNF all over the country were monoculture plantings. This means simply that large expanses of forest were planted

with primarily the same type of tree. In eastern America, the monoculture planting of elm trees on all the streets of the towns and cities ended sadly when the Japanese beetle attacked and killed virtually all the elm trees, leaving entire areas denuded.

Forest rangers have since learned that monoculture is not the way growth occurs in a natural state, and does not promote the health of a forest. A mixture of various types of trees and bushes will leave the forest with enough growth to maintain itself in case of an attack on one species.

In some cases, trees selected by the JNF for the plantings were totally inappropriate for the area. There should not be any Jerusalem pines planted higher than 600 meters above sea level, yet this was the main tree planted along the corridor. In spite of its name, this tree is not hardy enough for the sometimes severe winters in

the Jerusalem region. The black pine is stronger, and there are other types of pines that are also better suited to the climate.

There are JNF nurseries at Eshtaol, at the Golan Heights, and near Jerusalem which raise thousands of seedlings every year and use the one-year-old plants to plant new forests.

Many varieties of trees are being nurtured in these areas. More appropriate to the slopes of the Jerusalem corridor and other high places are the cypress oak, Syrian pear, California oak and the native Pistachio Palestine. The combination of these trees will also make for a more interesting mix of textures and shades of green than we had before.

Next Tu B'Shvat, after the winter rains have swept away the ashes, I am quite sure that we will all be invited to join a huge "plant-in" on the burned out slopes, to start the process of renewal.

A READER asks: "The fuchsia we bought in the spring is not doing very well. Do you think it is root-bound? Should we re-pot it?"

It is rarely the case that a plant will be root-bound after only one season, especially a fuchsia. You should instead look for other reasons for your plant's problem. Fuchsia do not like direct sun, but like lots of light and protection from strong wind. Feed them regularly with a weak solution of liquid fertilizer, or some slow-release fertilizer. Keep them thoroughly watered but not soaking wet. If you are a tea drinker, throw your used tea leaves around the base of the plant. Fuchsia appreciate the acid provided by tea.



Footloose in St. Moritz: A great way to see the Alps

Although the Swiss Alps are renowned for skiing, walking tours are an exhilarating and inexpensive way to appreciate the landscape, Haim Shapiro writes

If I had done nothing else in Switzerland but take the train from Zurich to St. Moritz, it would have been enough.

I love trains, even when they are old and bumpy, and even when they pass through nothing but slums and industrial backyards.

In Switzerland, the trains are new and seem to glide along almost noiselessly. The route from Zurich went through beautiful valleys and along mountain passes, with glimpses of quaint mountain villages, crystal clear lakes and snow-capped mountains.

I visited Switzerland recently as part of a press tour of St. Moritz and Lugano, sponsored by Swissair and the Swiss Tourist Office. Israelis seem to have a natural affinity for Switzerland, which is the country that many of us feel Israel should emulate.

These days, as a result of the international currency fluctuations which have lowered the value of the dollar, Switzerland has become more expensive than in the past. But for those who can afford it, it is still a prime destination. And one of the most pleasant ways of occupying one's time in Switzerland is walking, which is free.

Walking might not be exactly what you might think of in connection with St. Moritz, that most exclusive of Swiss resorts, where it might seem that the main sport is ogling millionaires and movie stars. However, the celebrities go elsewhere in the summer; and, besides, ogling is considered very bad form.

"We mind our business and they mind theirs," says Ursula Danuser, wife of Dr. Hans Danuser, director of the local tourist board.

It was Ursula Danuser who accompanied us on a little walk through the Alps on what was described as an easy route, taking a cable car to an Alpine station

known as Muottas Muragl and then walking to another station, Alp Languard. The cable car was filled with walkers, most of them Swiss. They were of all ages including a school group and many elderly walkers.

The weather was warm and sunny, with just a powdering of clouds to provide occasional shade and the chance chill wind that proved bracing in the sunshine. Though the day was a dry one, we passed several mountain streams gushing down the hillside, the result of melting snow. In fact, though we made our visit in mid-June, there were still several patches of snow through which we had to tramp along our way.

Aside from the snow, the path was wide, well marked, and well graded. Most of the route was level or downhill, although there were a few ascents that were difficult for those who were out of shape. It would have been virtually impossible to go astray or, if one followed the path, to fall from any precipice. For me, the best part was the sheer joy of walking along in the crisp mountain air.

In addition, there was a great deal to see. From close up, we could have a look at the Alpine flowers, often tiny spots of yellow or purple on the mountainside. Even without the flowers, the green grass and moss and the constant presence of running water was a treat. From afar we could see the valleys and lakes stretching out below us, while all around us were the mountain peaks, still covered in snow.

The signboards pointing out the direction of the route gave the estimated walking time as two-and-a-half hours. Ursula Danuser said that, normally, when she walked with her family, she figured on about half the time marked on the signboards. For our group of sedentary Israeli journalists it took about three-



The Cathedral of St. Lawrence near Monte Bre in the southern Swiss city of Lugano — an area which is very Italian when compared to the rest of Switzerland, and very Swiss when compared to Italy. (Palmieri Cadore)

and-a-half hours.

At Alp Languard, we stopped for lunch in a mountain restaurant with yet another magnificent view. The main course was an Alpine specialty, macaroni with applesauce, the kind of dish that one must have grown up with to really enjoy. However, it was not the food that caused me to lose my appetite, but the sight of the chair lift that was to take us down again into the valley.

My fear of heights is such that I actually considered skipping lunch and spending an hour-and-a-half walking down the mountainside. Eventually I did take the chair lift down. It is said to be a beautiful trip, but I would not

know, since I had my eyes tightly shut all the way.

SOMEHOW, the altitude did not seem to bother me at all the next day when we took the Bernina Express from St. Moritz to Tirano on our way to Lugano. The train is the only one to cross the Alps without a tunnel, and the journey is one that has passengers rushing from one side of the train to the other to admire yet another wonderful view.

Setting off in the balmy summer of St. Moritz, we soon found ourselves passing by white glaciers along the Bernina Pass. Only a short time later, we were walking along streets lined with

palm trees in Tirano, an Italian town on the Swiss border, where we just had time for a lunch of real Italian pasta before we caught the Bernina Express bus which took us on to Lugano, a city that is very Italian when compared to the rest of Switzerland, and very Swiss when compared to Italy.

For an Italian-Swiss experience we took a cable car to the peak of Mt. San Salvatore, where we found it very easy to sit and while away the hours over a leisurely lunch. From the mountain top, we could look down on Lake Lugano against a backdrop of the Swiss Alps. Later we were to take a cruise on the lake and stop for a

few hours at Morcote, a picturesque lakeside village where the arcaded waterfront buildings make way for a series of narrow pathways leading up the mountainside.

In Lugano, the Italian spirit may be felt in the summer evenings, when the cafes in the main square are filled, or in the lakeside church of Santa Maria Degli Angeli, where a monumental fresco of the crucifixion by Bernardino Luini depicts hundreds of figures, including the artist himself and his wife.

According to the local wags, the Swiss influence is present in the form of a bank on every street corner.

Cheaper travel in a pricey place

Despite the high prices, there are relatively modest packages and travel arrangements available through Swissair.

The airline is offering a special \$399 round-trip fare on its three weekly flights to and from Geneva. The offer is good until October 23.

A rental car, such as a Ford Fiesta, is available for SF 52 a day, including insurance and taxes.

For rail travel, the many different options include a four-day Swiss Pass, which costs SF 316 for first class, and SF 210 for second class; while a flexi-pass, which grants three nonconsecutive days of travel within a 15-day period, is available for the same price.

The airline also offers hotel vouchers in six price categories, from SF 120 to SF 430 for a double room. Visitors may either reserve rooms in advance or take their chances. Unused vouchers are returnable.

Among the many packages and tours available, it is also marketing a package of three nights in Lugano from SF 315 and seven nights from SF 700. The package includes hotel and breakfast, plus unlimited travel by bus, lake steamer and tram.

An apartment which sleeps four in Lugano is available from SF 589 a week in mid-summer, while a similar apartment in Davos costs from SF 542.

A hands-on approach for the museum visitor

SEE IT HERE
HAIM SHAPIRO

THE first thing to catch your attention is a series of colored balls rolling down a maze in a seemingly random manner. For those with the time and patience to watch it, the contraption demonstrates how a computer, whose only option is to record zero or one, can process complex information.

The maze is in the entrance hall of Haifa's Daniel and Matilde Recanati National Museum of Science. Although the moving balls are fun to watch as they roll along grooves, activate levers and drop into holes, the maze is one of the few exhibits in the museum which the visitor cannot touch.

On a recent visit to the museum on Shmaryahu Levin Street in the city's Hadar neighborhood, I placed a plastic ball on a column of moving air to demonstrate the principles of aerodynamics; I unsuccessfully tried to assemble a wooden puzzle in a display of mechanical puzzles; I worked an abacus in the exhibition on the history of the computer; and I adjusted three colored shafts of light to get a white beam.

Although the museum is smaller and less generously endowed than similar institutions in such places as Philadelphia and London, the exhibits themselves are no less appealing.

During our visit, haredi youngsters were avidly using apparatuses in a display on optics, and raced back and forth in the corridor, testimony to the wide appeal of the place.

Although the youngsters lis-

tened to the museum guides with attention, no one tried to quiet them down when they became noisy.

Almost as interesting as the exhibits is the building in which they are located — the original Technion building, which was designed by the German-Jewish architect Alexander Baerwald, and dedicated in 1924. The cloister-like corridors, the stone columns and the pointed arches all hark back to a bygone age.

Just what that age was like can be seen in a restored lecture hall, with its old-fashioned laboratory table and rows of uncomfortable-looking wooden desks and benches. On the benches are nameplates of Technion graduates who have contributed to the museum, their names constituting a roll call of Israel's leading industrialists.

The old lecture hall, at one end of the building, provides a stark contrast to a new auditorium at the other end, which is used for the many lectures and programs sponsored by the museum.

In addition to its two exhibit-filled floors, the museum is also excavating and restoring a basement which was part of the original plan, although it was filled with rubble and never used.

The museum is open Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 5; Tuesday 9 to 7; Friday 9 to 1; and Saturday 10 to 2. Admission costs NIS 15 for adults and NIS 10 for children.

See the Negev by camel, by jeep, by foot

TRAVEL TIPS
HAIM SHAPIRO

CAMEL rides, a jeep tour and a hike are all part of a two-night outing organized by the Mashavim vacation village at Kibbutz Mashabei Sadeh in the Negev highlands. The price, including all meals, is NIS 331. For information, Tel. 07-565134.

THE FRANCISCAN Custody of the Holy Land has announced that it will close its church on Mt. Tabor and the churches of St. John the Baptist and the Visitation to the public on Saturdays.

YOSSI TOURS has chartered a ship, the Sea Prince, for three-, four- and seven-day cruises in the Mediterranean. Prices are \$329 for three days, \$439 for four days and \$699 for a week.

TAL-GAL TRAVEL is offering a tour of Russia which is to include contact with the local population, both Jewish and non-Jewish. The 14-day tour, which costs \$1,495, includes the possibility of accommodation in what the company says are scrupulously chosen local homes.

PARIS MAY not be the cheapest of cities, but it is the cheapest destination for youth passengers on ISTA charter flights to Europe. The company, which specializes in travel for those up to age 26, is offering round-trip flights to the French capital this summer for \$329.

KLM, its subsidiaries Martinair and Transavia, and affiliate Northwest Airlines are to ban smoking on all flights to North America, and on KLM flights to Australia, from the end of October.

MOROCCO, which only recently opened up to Israeli tourism, has become a bargain destination. Both Arkia and Nitzza Tours

are offering a week's package to Marrakech for \$799, including flights and half board.

A TOLL-FREE line for direct sales of vacation packages known as Teletrip has been inaugurated by Histours. Callers can learn about a variety of offers in the Mediterranean area and order their vacation via credit card. Tickets and vouchers are sent by messenger. The number is 177-022-5075.

A WEEK in a vacation apartment in Fattoria La Loggia, a village in Toscana 15 km. from Florence, comes with what is described as Renaissance-style furniture by Ophir Tours.

A week's package, including the apartment, flights, car rental for a week and breakfast, comes to \$969 per person, based on occupancy by four adults. For two adults and two children under 12, the price is \$799 per person.

TZABAR is offering a three-, four- or six-night package to New

York, with the price for the three-night package starting at \$899. Those choosing the six-night package can take three nights at the beginning of their stay in the US and three nights at the end, if they remain longer than six days.

THIS WEEK'S rock-bottom vacation package is from Arkia, which is offering seven nights in Rhodes with half board for \$495.

ENTHUSIASTIC walkers of all ages might enjoy English Wanderer, a company offering guided and unguided walking tours throughout the British Isles. Tours range in difficulty from "gentle" to "energetic" and packages vary in length from five to 14 nights. Prices, including accommodation at country hotels, inns or farmhouses and all meals included, start at £275 for five nights.

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Buenos Aires bomb probe 'gathers dust in a drawer'

AS Argentinian Jews commemorated the anniversary of the terrorist attack on their main communal building, a new report suggests that the bombers will never be brought to justice.

Eighty-six people died and about 120 were wounded last July 18 when a bomb destroyed the site of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Aid Association (AMIA).

It was the worst attack on Jews in the Diaspora since World War II, and followed by two years the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires.

The Argentine Security Secretariat promised "with the solemnity of this anniversary demands, to redouble our efforts to bring all the inhabitants of this country the tranquility and peace which is theirs by right." Reuters reported this week.

But Sergio Kiernan, an Argentine journalist, told a news conference in New York on Monday that his country is not capable of catching the bombers. He cited a lack of will and police incompetence.

"I am not claiming there's a cover-up," he said. "But to go after someone who kills Jews is not something [for officials] to get enthusiastic about."

Kiernan wrote a report for the American Jewish Committee entitled *Atrocity in Buenos Aires: The AMIA Bombing, One Year Later*. Kiernan was foreign news edi-

A report by an Argentinian journalist claims perpetrators of the worst attack against Diaspora Jews since WWII will never be caught, Marilyn Henry writes

tor for *Noticias* newsmagazine and is currently a commentator on a Jewish television network. He is working on a series of articles on ethnic discrimination and immigration policies for the *Buenos Aires Herald*.

Only a few years after the end of Argentina's dictatorship, there is a strong, right-wing, nationalist influence in its military, he said. That influence may be passive, but reveals itself in the lack of vigor in protecting Jews.

However, he cautioned: "Don't confuse this tiny sector with society at large." Argentina is not antisemitic, he said. "This is terror against Jewish institutions. There have been no pogroms, [and there have been] no surge in violence or vandalism [against Jews]."

He said the evidence of the military's disdain for Jews is reflected in the fact that there is not a single Jew among the ranks of senior officers. He also noted that during the 15 years of the

dictatorship, Jews comprised 10 percent of the victims of torture, although they were only 1 percent of the population.

THERE ARE serious questions about whether police have the "technical expertise" to solve the bombing, Kiernan said. Material evidence was mishandled, discarded or contaminated immediately after the explosion. Because of the lack of evidence, the investigating agencies drew different conclusions about the type of explosive used.

The judicial system, Kiernan said, "barely works." "It is hard to describe the degree of distrust and contempt in which Argentines hold their judiciary," which has investigative responsibility.

Argentine officials also have yet to find those behind the March 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy there, which killed 28 and injured about 250 people. "For all intents and purposes,

the [embassy] investigation is closed," Kiernan said. "It is gathering dust in some drawer in Argentina."

Many insist that the AMIA attack can be traced to members of Hizbullah, which receives the support of Iran. "The attacks were planned by Iran," Yitzhak Aviran, Israel's ambassador to Argentina, told Reuters. "There is a lot of concrete evidence. We don't need more."

Kiernan said the terrorists also must have had local support, including someone who selected AMIA as a target knowing that hundreds of ordinary people — Jews and non-Jews — came into the building on Pasteur Street each day.

The bombing "was done with the purpose of terrorizing the whole country, and it succeeded," Kiernan said.

The Jewish community now lives "Belfast style," he said, with enhanced security measures provided both by the police and private companies. Bags are searched when people enter buildings. In some 300 Jewish schools, classrooms have been moved from the front of the school to the back, away from the street. Jewish buildings are now easily identified by the protective concrete barriers on the sidewalk.

"This is a depressing fact for a community that is used to living openly," Kiernan said.

A life and a community lifted from ruin

JESSICA STEINBERG

ON July 18, 1994, Javier Miropolsky woke up, glanced out the window at the gray winter sky of Buenos Aires, drank some coffee and arrived at his job as a social-services assistant in the nearby Jewish community center at 8. By 10:05, he was buried under a pile of rubble that was once the headquarters of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association in the 60-year-old Jewish community center.

It's a year later, and the husky 24-year-old sitting in the cool shade of a Jerusalem cafe on a hot July afternoon finds it hard to believe that he was so lucky to be alive. "All I know is that if I had been at my own desk, I wouldn't be here today," he comments wryly. He was in his boss's office when the bomb erupted, shattering the glass windows and demolishing the very floor upon which he was standing.

The rescue workers found him half an hour later, submerged under what was formerly the fourth floor, pinned down and unable to move anything below his head. After asking them to call and reassure his parents, he waited five hours to be extricated.

Miropolsky brings with him a copy of that week's *Noticias*, Argentina's weekly news magazine. Opening to a photo spread, he points to the man being lifted on a stretcher out of the rubble and says, "That's me. When I saw the photographer about to take the shot, I asked him, 'How do I look?' He told me that I looked OK."

"For three days after the bombing, I didn't ask who had survived," he recalls. "I didn't want to know. And when I finally asked, 'Did so and so live?' the answer was always no." The next six months were spent recuperat-



Javier Miropolsky, who is here on a work-study program, waited five hours to be extricated from the rubble. (Isaac Harari)

ing, both mentally and physically. Miropolsky's right arm was paralyzed, requiring surgery and physical therapy, and he spent two days a week with a psychologist, discussing the haunting images of the bombing and memo-

ries of his friends who died in the blast.

In recent months, he has observed the transformation of the Jewish community as they set up elaborate security systems within their buildings and erected walls and wire around each structure. He believes that while everyone has gone on with their lives, there is an element of shock and disbelief that confronts them as they gather each month at the bombed site to light memorial candles and say kaddish for those buried under the rubble. And yet this tragedy has strengthened them, tightening the bonds that connect them as a community.

"We can't believe that this has actually happened to us," he explains. "These things usually happen to other people, it's what you read about in the newspaper. I felt such pain when I heard about the earthquake in Japan and the bombing in Oklahoma. Now we know what they're going through."

In Buenos Aires, he senses fear and some hostility as he watches people cross to the other side of the street when walking past a synagogue or a Jewish school; he notices cars speeding by those buildings. "Before the bombing, if you weren't Jewish you wouldn't have known a Jewish [community] building from a [non-community] one," he says. "Now you can't miss them."

Months were spent searching for a new building to house the center, but no one wanted a Jewish community center next to their property; it was too high risk. According to Miropolsky, the community, which was back at work a day after the bombing, plans to rebuild the center on its original site, a source of unending debate. He doesn't agree with it: "[it's] like building on top of a cemetery."

As for Miropolsky, the bombing changed his entire philosophy. "Before the bombing, my worries were so inconsequential," he says. "I thought about my future, where would I live, work, whatever. Now I know that the essence is life itself, and I'm so thankful that I was spared."

In March, Miropolsky decided to join a work-study program here because Israel is a country where people could relate to his experience. He has been here with Etgar Universita ("university challenge") — a seven-month, kibbutz-and-university program for South American-Jewish young adults — in a kibbutz jewelry factory.

Israel, he says, has given him a new lease on life, a chance to start over.

When he returns to Buenos Aires, his old job will be waiting for him, but without many familiar faces. "I want justice for those who died," he insists quietly. "I want those who did it to sit in prison for the rest of their lives, because this tragedy will be with me for the rest of my life."



Mike Burstyn (left) is honored by the Guardians of Efrat; Lola Beer talks about Shenkar's success; Joan Armatradig travels lightly.



Zissman: From liberator to celebrator of Rachel's Tomb

A curious coincidence. At a 50th birthday celebration at Rachel's Tomb organized by the Guardians of Efrat in honor of twin entertainers Mike Burstyn and Susan Roth, someone suggested inviting a member of the Knesset. For no particular reason, the choice fell on Labor MK Emanuel Zissman. Only later was it discovered that Zissman was one of 10 soldiers who liberated Rachel's Tomb in 1967, and that he had also been in the audience when Mike Burstyn came to entertain IDF troops.

"THEY WOULDN'T have dared to do this in an Arab country," snuffed the offended wife of an Israeli diplomat as she cast an eye over the dairy-and-pork products buffet at the Bastille Day reception hosted by French Ambassador Pierre Brochand and his wife Kathryn. President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin meticulously abstained from eating forbidden food, but most of the other guests dug in with gusto.

LOOKING MORE appropriately clad for a safari than a museum opening, filmmaker Henry Jaglom, observing some of the formally attired male guests attending the opening of the exhibition of the Simon and Marie Jaglom collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist art at the Simon and Marie Jaglom Pavilion at the Tel Aviv Museum, commented: "They all wear ties in Tel Aviv? I don't even own a tie."

OLDER BROTHER Michael Jaglom, who occasionally appears in Henry's films but is otherwise engaged in taking care of the estate of their late parents, was not mentioned in either the invitations or the exhibition literature, even though he was largely responsible for executing his parents' will and getting the collection here. However, he took the omission in good spirits, saying that "nobody knew I was going to show, because I do things at random."

ALSO OMITTED from the invitations and the catalogs were his cousins Elan Jaglom, who specially traveled from Israel to New York to help in transferring the extensive collection, and George Waechler, director of the Old Masters division of Sotheby's New York, who was also instrumental in getting the collection on the road. However, the cousins received their due at a reception hosted by Sotheby's Tel Aviv.

EDUCATION AND Culture Minister Amnon Rubinstein, who lauded the collection as giving a "new dimension" to the Tel Aviv Museum, was not the only minister in attendance. Also present was Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir, widow of Mordechai Namir, who was mayor of Tel Aviv when Raya Jaglom, a member of the Tel Aviv Museum board of governors, first

GRAPEVINE
GREER FAY CASHMAN

involved the American branch of her family in the museum.

Namir and Michael Jaglom swapped reminiscences of dinners shared in New York and Tel Aviv when the Namirs were in the US and when the Jagloms subsequently came to Israel. Illustrating the 37 years of bureaucracy that hampered the establishment of the pavilion, Raya Jaglom disclosed that Michael Jaglom had given her 157 letters which the museum had written to his father.

Among the hundreds of art lovers at the opening were hotelier Haim Shiff; Zalman Shoval, Israel's former ambassador to Washington; Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and his predecessor Shlomo Lahat; World WIZO treasurer Ruth Tekoah; actress Aviva Marks; former *Ma'ariv* editor Ido Dissenchik and his wife Batya; and Esther Rabin, widow of painter Reuven Rubin.

LAPSE OF memory. Yet another member of the Jaglom family, jewelry designer Nurit Jaglom, enthusiastically admired a multi-strand topaz-colored choker which adorned the neck of Rachel Dayan, widow of former foreign minister Moshe Dayan. When Jaglom asked Dayan where she got it, Dayan laughed and said, "Don't you remember? This is one of yours."

OF THE founders of Shenkar College for Textile Design and Fashion, only two, Lola Beer and Alec Lerner, remain. Both were guests last week at a gala dinner hosted at Claridges by Marks and Spencer and the British Friends of Shenkar. Beer, who travels all over the fashion world, says that the proof of Shenkar's success is that there is no longer any need to explain what Shenkar is. "Everyone has heard of it."

TRAVELING LIGHT. Checking in at Tel Aviv's Dan Hotel for a preliminary three-day visit prior to her scheduled performances here next month, singer Joan Armatradig arrived carrying only one suitcase and her guitar. Armatradig, who is a vegetarian, dined mainly on cheeses, fresh fruit and white wine, although the hotel chefs went out of their way to prepare special vegetarian delicacies.

PRESIDENT CLINTON and other dignitaries sent letters of congratulation, and members of her family have come specially from the US to join Bert Goldstein in celebrating her 100th birthday tomorrow. Goldstein, a lawyer by profession and an ardent Labor Zionist, was the first national president of Pioneer Women in the US and a close associate of Pioneer Women (now Na'amat) founder Rahel Yanait Ben-Zvi.

An activist in many fields, she sat on the national board of the Jewish National Fund, and, after settling here in 1960 with her late husband Rabbi Dr. Israel Goldstein, was actively involved with the Conservative Movement, the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, Haifa University, the Hebrew University Hadassah and the Israel Goldstein Youth Village.

She and her husband, who was a former treasurer of the Jewish Agency and later world chairman of Keren Hayesod's United Israel Appeal, established the Goldstein prize for good citizenship which is awarded annually in Jerusalem.

BERT GOLDSTEIN is not the oldest American expatriate here. That honor goes to Rabbi Joseph Berger of Bnei Brak, who was this week presented with a plaque by the US Social Security Administration in recognition of his being the oldest living social security beneficiary outside the US. Berger is 111 years old.

HERE THIS week to foster a revival of Yiddish culture in advance of next year's 80th anniversary commemorations of the death of Sholem Aleichem were husband-and-wife team Sidney Gluck and Bel Kaufman, who are president and chairman respectively of the Sholem Aleichem Memorial Foundation.

Kaufman, author of the best-selling *Up the Down Staircase* and a public speaker on the survival of Jewish humor, is also Sholem Aleichem's granddaughter and the only surviving member of his family who knew him. Born in Berlin and raised in Odessa and Moscow before coming to the US in 1924 at age 12, she understands Yiddish but confesses to not being able to speak it well.

"She speaks the Queen's English and the Czar's Russian," quipped New-York born Gluck, who claims Yiddish as "my *mammy loshen*." Gluck and Kaufman are primarily interested in turning the Sholem Aleichem House in Tel Aviv into an active center which will attract the Yiddish-speaking community.

"Till now, it was an elitist museum with marvelous archives," said Gluck, "but even the taxi drivers don't know where it is, because people don't use it." The Sholem Aleichem Memorial Foundation has recently come into some money and will fund activities, said Gluck, who brought over the first \$17,500 for that purpose. Sholem Aleichem House is located at 5 Berkowitz Street in Tel Aviv.

A MATTER OF justice. Last week, Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak congratulated his wife Elisheva on being appointed to the National Labor Court. This week Judge Elisheva Barak congratulated her husband Aharon on becoming president of the Supreme Court. She succeeds Adina Porat and he succeeds Meir Shamgar, both of whom are retiring.

Incidentally, in order to avoid even the slightest suspicion of a conflict of interests, Shamgar and his colleagues Supreme Court Justices Theodor Orr and Eliahu Matza disqualified themselves from the appointments committee which unanimously selected Elisheva Barak.

THE MEETING in Jordan between a Shas delegation and King Hussein was very moving. Shas MK Aryeh Dert told Israel Radio, but a far more emotional experience was standing on Mount Nebo, from where Moses had surveyed the Promised Land.

WOUNDED PRIDE. Conspicuously absent from this week's meeting of the Labor central committee that unanimously approved ministerial status for Yossi Beilin and Ehud Barak was MK Zvi Eldi, who is still waiting to be similarly rewarded for his role in facilitating diplomatic relations between Morocco and Israel.

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Self interest dictates calls for restricting central bank governor

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

BANK of Israel Governor Jacob Frankel has received some stout support this week following the bill proposed to set up a supervisory council to limit his powers. But the number of the country's economic leaders that have come out in support of the proposal is an astounding indicator of the degree of self-interest operating in various elements of the economy.

The proposal would, in effect, give outside interested parties — the government and representatives of big business — the power to influence interest rate policy, which until now has been the sole preserve of the Bank of Israel, and the governor specifically.

The generally accepted role of central banks is to be the buffer between the government of the

day and the economy itself. For political reasons, governments may seek to spend more than is prudent, or boost the economy, by setting low interest rates. Indeed, the manufacturers and the Treasury have been calling for more, bigger and faster rate cuts for some time now. But this may not be in the best interest of the economy as a whole.

True, inflation has been coming under control. But a slew of different economic statistics have shown this week that the economy continues to grow steadily and inflationary pressures still remain. Few independent analysts, therefore, take issue with the governor's handling of interest rate policy over the last year, during which rates have been cut by 3.5%. Had the Treasury been able to intervene in monetary policy we would doubtless have seen a looser policy, a bigger budget deficit and a less successful battle against inflation.

The Bank of Israel has countered its opponents by pointing out that the trend in developed economies abroad has been for more, not less, independence for central banks. It is perhaps even helpful to differentiate between the more and less independent.

The power of the Bundesbank is undisputed. It is the central

banker's central bank. The Bank of England, by contrast, has to consult the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Minutes of their meetings have been published since earlier this year, and the British central bank's desire to preempt inflationary pressures by raising rates and the chancellor's — politically motivated? — desire not to, have been plain for all to see.

The chancellor, so far, has had his way. But at what price? The pound has taken a terrible beating. Granted, this is in no small part due to the present government's extreme unpopularity, but also because investors are suspicious of the handling of British economic policy. Over time, because British economic policy has been lax and unpredictable, sterling has depreciated massively and Britain has gone from being a dominant economic empire to an island largely irrelevant to the world economy.

Germany now dominates Europe. It has ridden through its recession, absorbed its eastern neighbor and the deutschmark reigns supreme. Since World War II the deutschmark has depreciated far less than the US dollar, the traditional store of monetary value, let alone sterling. There has been pain, to be sure, but has anyone heard the German finance minister or captains of industry howling in protest for rates to be cut, for the mark to be devalued, or for the president of the Bundesbank to be fired?

Propper: Reduction of trade deficit with Europe won't happen immediately

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRAEL'S draft free trade agreement with the European Union is important to maintain local manufacturers' competitive ability but it is still to early to celebrate, Dan Propper, president of the Manufacturers Association, said yesterday.

Propper emphasized the government should not expect a reduction of the trade deficit with Europe immediately after the agreement is signed. He said the agreement does not include all the concessions the manufacturers thought they would receive, despite the growing deficit Israel has with Europe.

According to Propper, the government should try to improve the government purchase clause to protect local manufacturers.

The manufacturers also claim it is necessary to improve conditions on trade of textiles and food.

Propper called upon the government to demand the European Union give privileged status to processed exports from Israel, like chocolate, bakery products, meat, canned goods, juices and tomato products.

Scitex shares plummet in New York

RACHEL NEIMAN

SHARES in Scitex, which had risen by a third since the beginning of April, plunged in New York yesterday after the company announced after trading closed on Wednesday that it would take a special pre-tax charge of \$25 million for the second quarter.

Scitex said it expects to report a small, unspecified, quarterly net profit, which also takes into account a reduction of the company's provisions for income taxes. Shares in Clal Electronics, which owns a major stake in Scitex, fell sharply in TASE trading.

The charge follows an extensive review of operations, receivables and third party financing arrangements of US pre-press equipment distribution arm Scitex America (STA).

The most significant part of the charge comes from changes in estimates relating to third party customer financing, following a rise in customer defaults on loans taken to buy Scitex equipment. The company said it also revalued equipment customers returned and

increased the reserves set aside for customer receivables.

In light of the charge, a number of changes have taken place at STA, whose revenues represent approximately 25 percent of Scitex's worldwide revenues, including management changes and reorganization. However, a company spokesperson said that there was no connection with the resignation of George Carlisle as STA president. He was replaced during the first quarter by Shimon Alon.

Shohat rejects proposal to impose council on Bank of Israel governor

JOSE ROSENFELD

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat rejects the legislative proposal introduced by MKs Gedalya Gal (Labor) and Dan Tichon (Likud) that would impose an outside council on the governor of the Bank of Israel to approve monetary policy decisions, a Treasury spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

"Shohat is for the professional independence of the Bank of Israel," said Treasury spokesman Elisheva Braun.

However, Shohat supports the creation of an internal council in the Bank of Israel, fashioned after the Board of Governors of the US Federal Reserve Bank, or the German Bundesbank, that would be collectively responsible for monetary policy, she added.

Braun emphasized that Shohat is against having businessmen serving in the council, since he supports an independent body made up of professionals.

The legislation that was introduced earlier this week by Gal and Tichon includes in the council a member of the employers' umbrella group, the Coordinat-



Finance Minister Avraham Shohat. (Isaac Harari)

ing Bureau of Economic Organizations, and a representative of the Association of Banks in Israel.

"The finance minister values [Bank of Israel Governor Jacob] Frenkel so that it's nothing personal, but he believes that decisions on monetary policy should not be left to one person alone," Braun said.

The Bank of Israel refused to comment on Shohat's proposal.

Leumi to organize raising \$100m for gov't in Europe

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Treasury has chosen Bank Leumi to organize a syndicate of foreign banks in Europe to raise a \$100 million credit line for the government.

The loan is for financing the government's foreign currency requirements. Participating in the syndicate is Chemical Bank and other foreign banks. The loan will be given for a five-year period, in whatever foreign currency the government requires.

Bank Leumi competed in the government tender against all of the country's leading commercial banks, as well as

foreign banks. The syndicate was organized by Shlomo Hendel, head of Bank Leumi's international division; Cedric Oliverstone, head of international relations; and Morris Shir, deputy general manager of Bank Leumi UK.

This is the second time in less than a year that Bank Leumi has been chosen to organize a syndicate to raise capital for the government. At the end of 1994, Bank Leumi and Chemical Bank organized a syndicate that raised a DM 130m. credit line to finance the purchase of German buses.

Russian banker murdered in his country house

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of a major Russian bank and his bodyguard were murdered by unidentified assailants in an apparent contract killing, a news

agency reported yesterday. Oleg Kantor, 40, chairman of the Yugorsky bank, died overnight in his country house some 20 kilometers from Moscow after having been repeatedly stabbed in the neck, police told the Interfax news agency.

Near the house police also discovered the body of the banker's bodyguard with numerous gunshot wounds and a cut throat.

The Yugorsky bank was founded by several leading oil and natural gas enterprises in Siberia and has fast become one of Russia's largest banks.

In April, Vadim Yafyasov, the bank's 33-year-old deputy chief was killed in his car in broad daylight in downtown Moscow.

Contract killings of businessmen have become increasingly frequent as Russian mobsters fight to establish control over profitable banks and businesses.

Last year there were some 500 contract murders in Russia, most of them still unsolved.

Police have refused comment on the possible motives of Kantor's killing.

The acting chairwoman of Russia's Central Bank, Tatiana Paramonova, told reporters yesterday that the Yugorsky bank didn't have any financial difficulties.

Berlusconi sells TV stake to Saudi-led group

MILAN (Reuters) — Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said yesterday that he had sold a 20 percent stake in his vast television and advertising empire to an international consortium.

The businessman-turned-politician told a packed news conference he also aimed to float a chunk of his Mediaset company on the Milan, London and New York stock exchanges, cutting his own stake in it to 35 percent to 40 percent by the end of 1996.

"In the event of my returning to government, I would expect to freeze [my] shares and voting rights" in Mediaset, Berlusconi told reporters.

A further 20 percent of Mediaset, which controls three commercial television stations and advertising company Publitalia, will be bought by a group of Italian and foreign institutional investors later this year, Berlusconi said.

Each 20 percent stake was valued at around 1.8 trillion lire

(\$1.12 billion), with both sales being carried out through capital increases — one of the largest such operations ever executed in Italy.

The international consortium comprises German media magnate Leo Kirch, Saudi Prince Waleed bin Talal and the Dutch Nethold/Richemont group controlled by South African businessman Johann Rupert.

Kirch will take 10 percent and Waleed and Rupert the other 10 percent.

The Kirch Group, Europe's largest private media company, said in a statement that Mediaset had a total equity value of eight billion marks (\$5.8 billion).

The deal will wipe out Mediaset's debts, reported to total around 1.8 trillion lire (\$1.12 billion).

Negotiators working on behalf of the international consortium said earlier this month the group was willing to take up to 30 percent of Mediaset and no explanation was given for why they had finally gone for just 20 percent.

WORLD BRIEFS

GM reports record second quarter earnings: General Motors Corp. said yesterday that net income jumped 18 percent to a record \$2.27 billion in the second quarter, fueled by strength in its North American automotive operations.

Earnings per share rose to \$2.39 from \$2.23 in the year-ago period.

Sales rose 9 percent to \$44.1 billion from \$40.4 billion, and profit margins rose slightly, GM said.

GM said net income for its North American operations jumped 37 percent to \$880 million from \$641 million in the second quarter of 1994. (Reuters)

Coca Cola Net Income Rises 20 Percent in Second Quarter: The Coca-Cola Co. said yesterday that its second-quarter earnings jumped about 20 percent, boosted by strong global sales. The Atlanta-based soft drink company earned \$898 million, or 71 cents per share, compared with \$758 million, or 59 cents a share, in the same period last year. Revenues were \$4.9 billion, compared with \$4.3 billion in the 1994 second quarter. (AP)

Nestle six-month data encouraging - analysts: Nestle SA, the world's largest food group, yesterday reported a 1.5 percent drop in 1995 first-half sales, but analysts judged the figures encouraging in view of the impact of the strong Swiss franc.

Sales for the first six months fell to 26.9 billion Swiss francs (\$23.4 billion) from 27.3 billion (\$23.75 billion) during the same period last year.

They would have shown an increase of around 10 percent at constant exchange rates, the Vevey, Switzerland-based firm said. (Reuters)

Compaq earnings hit record in quarter: Compaq Computer Corp., boosted by a 40 percent gain in sales volume, said yesterday that it posted record earnings for the second quarter.

Compaq, the world's leading seller of personal computers, said it earned \$246 million, or 90 cents a share, on sales of \$3.5 billion. A year earlier, the company earned \$210 million, or 78 cents a share, on sales of \$2.5 billion.

Wall Street, which had expected Compaq to report income of 86 cents a share, welcomed the results by bidding Compaq's share up \$1.75 to \$46.75 a share in pre-open trading. (Reuters)

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● **STERLING** - The UK currency fell back to trend-line support at DM2.1950, following the dollar lower, but also on concern over the continuing policy differences between the Bank of England and HM Treasury. A recovery to DM2.2150 is possible short term, but next week could see renewed weakness. The dollar is being bought and no longer supported by a strong US T-bond market.

● **WALL STREET** - The technology sector bubble has burst short-term. This sector has led the market up for most of this year.

● **UK GILTS** - The long Sept. future is headed lower. During the week, the June PSBR out-turn continued the trend of the past three months of exceeding forecasts. If this trend continues, the 1995/96 PSBR will be \$4.4bn higher than Treasury projections and therefore, the gilt market should price in higher supply.

● **UK EQUITIES** - While both Wall Street and London remain in uptrends, there is scope for further corrective activity during the quiet summer months. There are unlikely to be any further positive developments on the interest rate front in the short-term. Yesterday, the FT-SE 100 index was hovering above support at 3383. A one-third correction of the rally from 2977 (March 7) would leave the index around 3300. This would not break the longer-term uptrend.

● **ASIA-PACIFIC** - The Asia-Pacific markets, bull run has been largely based on lower US interest rates and the strength of US bond and equity markets. Now that lower rates are perceived to have been postponed, sentiment has weakened. Bargain hunting has been noticeable, however, and valuations cannot be described as stretched. Strong bases have been formed, so we do not expect that there will be serious damage.

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PLOTS

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EXPERIENCED LIVE-IN AU PAIR + references (housekeeper, nanny), \$650, Tel. 03-9011864; 052-421136.

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GIRL TO CARE FOR 2 CHILDREN, perfect Hebrew, help with homework, have car, 5 times a week 12 - 6 pm, # 050-329991; 03-5755229.

AU PAIR, live-in + housework in Ramat Eilat, # 03-5344299.

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DWELLINGS

RENTALS

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SALES

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Hungary reaches agreement on Jewish property issue

BUDAPEST (Reuters) - Hungary and Jewish groups have reached a landmark accord that will establish how to restore to the original owners property taken from Jews during the Holocaust.

The Israel-based World Jewish Restitution Organisation (WJRO), Hungarian Jewish groups and the Hungarian government agreed to settle the procedure for the restitution of property seized from Jews between 1939 and 1945.

"This is a major breakthrough," Israel Singer, secretary-general of the New-York based World Jewish Congress (WJC) and co-chairman of WJRO, told Reuters.

"Hungary will be the first country in central and eastern Europe to look at this issue in a very overall and comprehensive way," he added.

Jewish property, including com-

munity buildings and synagogues, were seized by the German Nazi occupation troops or by allied local right-wing forces throughout the region.

Under the subsequent communist regimes the property was nationalized and, in some cases, according to the WJC, religious sites were turned into swimming pools, municipal buildings and farms.

Leading US political figures warned East European government earlier this year that relations with Washington would suffer unless they dealt with the issue of confiscated Jewish property.

Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn told the World Jewish Congress on a visit to the US in June that Hungary would start talks with Jewish, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Calvinist church leaders on the future of some 5,000 pieces of property.

OPERATIVES

(Continued from Page 1) governmental and quasi-governmental activities at Orient House, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair said yesterday.

However, he told reporters, no action can be taken until the ministry has thoroughly studied the uses of the Gaza-Jericho Implementation Law, which is meant to prevent any activities of a governmental character by the PA in Jerusalem.

"We're examining the implementation of this law," he said. "It's not so simple."

Ben-Yair did not say how long it would take his office to finish studying the law, which has already been on the books for seven months and was prepared by the Justice Ministry itself several months before its passage.

Ben-Yair told reporters he rejected Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert's threats to try to shut down Orient House for violating its zoning code. Whether there is in fact a zoning violation is "not so clear-cut, not only from the legal but also from the factual standpoint," he said. But in any case, he continued, such a violation would be in his office's purview rather than the city's.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently stated that over 200 Palestinian security agents operated in eastern Jerusalem. Media reports have also detailed their extensive operations in Jerusalem, which police for some time have vowed to halt.

Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit told The Jerusalem Post: "The police know of several hundred supporters of Rajoub in eastern Jerusalem." He said most of those were not active, but "waiting for orders from Jericho."

"We will not tolerate any activity of the Palestinian security service in Jerusalem. We will stamp it out," said Amit, one of the major opponents to the old "hands off" policy.

Three of those arrested this week were said to be agents whose major activity was collecting "protection" money from Palestinian businessmen and transferring it to the PA and Rajoub.

Sufyan Freij, 42, of the Silwan neighborhood, Hatem Jaber, also from eastern Jerusalem, and Abed Abidin, 30, of Hebron, allegedly beat those who refused to pay protection money.

Some of those who refused to pay, and other Palestinian residents wanted by Rajoub, were taken to Jericho by the three for interrogation, according to the police.

Freij, who has a long criminal record, allegedly headed the group. He is also wanted for car theft.

Police said they received dozens of complaints about the cell's operations from Palestinian residents, and had testimony and documents linking them directly with Rajoub and the PA.

Rajoub could not be reached for comment, but a source close to the security chief sharply denied the allegations, saying the Preventive Security Service had orders not to operate in Jerusalem.

The source said the three were in fact collaborators who worked closely with Israeli police and the General Security Service.

The quasi-police station was operated in the Issawiya neighborhood by a group of eight Palestinians, who were also detained.

The eight allegedly went through a security training course in Jericho, before setting up the station at the Issawiya home of senior Preventive Security officer Mussa Arafat. Arafat's son, Mustafa, was among the group's leaders, according to police.

The source close to Rajoub denied he operated a police station in Issawiya. He said Mustafa Arafat was beaten by his Israeli police interrogators and hospitalized. Police denied this.

The police operation was described as similar to that of any police station: They allegedly received complaints, opened investigations and interrogated suspects, recording their work on official Preventive Security Service forms.

The 11 suspects from the two operations were all remanded this week in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.

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EFRAT

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"Somehow everything seems to leak out," Harow said, explaining why the operation was kept under wraps - even from other settlement activists - until the last minute. "We wanted to make sure that the police would not be there waiting for us."

Harow said only some four people were in on the planning.

Police two weeks ago foiled plans to surreptitiously set up 18 trailers on Givat Hazayit, another hill in the settlement. Since that time, and following a demonstration just outside of Efrat where 42 settlers were arrested, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin granted permission to move the trailers to that hill.

In a related development, residents from various settlements throughout the territories are scheduled to block a number of key roads in Judea and Samaria this morning. The slogan of the protest, organized by the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, is, "The roads must be under Israeli control."

At a meeting of the Labor Party bureau in Upper Nazareth yesterday, Rabin cited what he called true Zionism as exemplified by Upper Nazareth, whose population had increased by more than 40,000 in the past

three years, Itim reported.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres criticized the Likud and the right, saying: "If Levinger would learn from Upper Nazareth Mayor Menachem Ariav, we wouldn't have any problems in Hebron. They frightened us when we left Gaza, but thank God we left. If we had listened to the Likud's claims that the unity of the people was more important than the decision to leave Gaza, there wouldn't have been unity or a decision [to leave]. The difference between us and the Likud is the difference between fear and hope, between what was yesterday and a new hope."

Rabin added that anyone wishing to visit Wadi Kelt could do so but should do it in accordance with safety precautions, and in an orderly way.

"I advise people to be careful. This is the second time in three years that hikers have been attacked there. There is a waterfall and potential assailants wait until people go into the water, then attack them. Groups, however, are not attacked. I therefore suggest that visits be in groups of at least four to five people," Rabin said to high school students during his visit to the city.

Alon Pinkas contributed to this report.

CHRISTOPHER

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ed following Damascus' decision last week not to resume military talks until an agreement is reached on early-warning stations.

Ross "wasn't his usual upbeat self, but he didn't come across as being depressed, either," the congressional source said. "He said, 'These things happen, there are ups and downs, we've overcome them before and we expect to overcome this as well.'"

Ross reportedly did not offer an assessment for when military talks could resume.

Ross told the gathering, which included committee chairman Benjamin Gilman and ranking Democrat Lee Hamilton, how Syria maintains that Israeli ground stations on the Golan Heights would be an infringement on Damascus's sovereignty, and that as a result, "We'll need

overlapping early-warning arrangements."

Ross also repeated what he has told congressional committees before on the question of US troops on the Golan: The parties have deferred the matter and are not yet discussing it.

Speaking in Nazareth yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel wants to give up less to Syria for an agreement than it gave Egypt in the Camp David Accords.

Rabin said Israel must not repeat the "mistakes" of the Camp David agreements, "that left Israel with no presence in the Sinai and no early-warning stations."

The official Syrian daily *Al-Thawra* said yesterday that the Israeli and Syrian ambassadors to the US would meet soon in Washington to prepare for a resumption of the military talks, Reuters reported.

ARAD

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to beware of the McDonald's, we have to beware of Michael Jackson and we have to beware of [the likes of] Madonna," the president said. "We need not only culture, but culture that is specifically Israeli and Jewish."

The president was speaking at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi on Wednesday evening, at which Mifal Hapayis pledged \$250 million towards educational and cultural facilities. The ceremony was attended by Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Science and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni.

But Rubinstein said yesterday that, while he shared the president's concern that Israeli culture be special, he could not agree that the Arad festival was an example of "Americanization."

"The festival at Arad is an Israeli music festival," Rubinstein said. "I don't want to import every American fashion... There are good things and bad things about American culture. We should not make generalizations."

Rubinstein added that the lack of self-discipline and restraint displayed by the youth at the festival was typical of Israeli society as a whole.

"There is a lack of authority in the schools and in the army," he said. "There are problems of tension and interpersonal relations."

Arad's Tabib said he was angry that the city and festival organizers were portrayed in the press as "money-hungry," for not deciding to cancel the festival immediately after the tragedy.

He added that the festival was meant to encourage Hebrew music in all its forms, with a major purpose being to serve as a wholesome outlet for young people and other fans of Israeli music.

"Those concerts that make money subsidize those events that aren't as successful," Tabib said. "The festival does not aim to make money at any price. The press reports were totally imbalanced and presented a false and distorted picture of Arad."

Omer Padan, the local franchisee for McDonald's, issued a statement yesterday rejecting the implication of Weizman's remarks, saying McDonald's has been a positive influence here, raising standards in service and quality throughout the country.

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Woman shot during failed TA bank heist

A TEL AVIV woman was moderately wounded yesterday morning during an exchange of fire between bank robbers and a border policeman in the Neveh Shalom neighborhood.

Sara Milman, 34, who was wounded in the chest, was listed in stable condition at Ichilov Hospital.

She had been shot while she was standing on the porch of her third-floor home, about 40 meters from the site of the shooting.

Just after 8 a.m., two men driving a stolen car pulled up on the sidewalk about 20 meters from the Bank Leumi branch on Rehov Beit El.

They then reversed down the sidewalk, endangering passersby, and slammed into the bank's entrance. The branch had not yet opened and only five workers were inside.

The two approached one of the

tellers and demanded that the safe be opened, but the teller said that the safe had an automatic lock that would not open until 8:30.

Upon realizing there was no chance of grabbing any money, the two fled into the street, abandoning the car.

Micky Ben-Namer, a border policeman who lives near the branch, was coming out of his home carrying his M-16 rifle.

When the robbers saw Ben-Namer they fired several shots at him, forcing Ben-Namer behind a pillar in the lobby of his apartment building, from where he returned fire.

The robbers, however, managed to escape.

Later, it was learned that Milman had been wounded, and Channel 1's news program said the bullets came from Ben-Namer's rifle.

The area was closed off and a police helicopter was called to aid in the search for the suspects.

By last night, police had found a pistol and a coat that apparently belonged to the suspects, but there were no arrests.

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last appointed an investigating officer to examine the circumstances of the shooting by the border policeman.

Meanwhile, two men suspected of robbing a bank in Dimona two weeks ago were remanded for 11 days in Beersheba Magistrate's Court.

A third suspect has not yet been apprehended but his identity is known to police.

The two men, Ronen Biton, 20, of Dimona, and Yossi Sharabi, 19, of Moshav Netiv Ha-Sara allegedly stole NIS 12,000 from a Bank Mizrahi branch in an armed robbery on July 7. (tm)

State rebuts charges in Meshulam appeal

JACOB DALLAL

THE hearing on the appeal of Uzi Meshulam and his 11 co-defendants at the Supreme Court ended yesterday as the state presented its arguments against the appeal.

State prosecutor Nava Ben-Or rebutted charges made by Meshulam's lawyer Wednesday that the Tel Aviv District judge had not insisted on the defendants' presence at their earlier trial, and that not enough time was given to prepare the defense. "The court was very careful to guard the defendants' rights," Ben-Or said.

Quoting from the protocol of the trial, Ben-Or showed that the judge had made repeated attempts to get Meshulam to appear, but he refused. "The court found itself unable to act against such behavior," Ben-Or said. He went on to say that during last year's standoff between him and his followers and police, Meshulam acted with intent to injure, telling his followers to throw a molotov cocktail at the back of Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last, and that the bottle did not hit Last accidentally, as Meshulam's lawyer argued.

The judges are not expected to make a decision on the appeal for several weeks.

Sneh insists: Night-time care must be provided

JUDY SIEGEL

HEALTH Minister Ephraim Sneh said yesterday that he will require health funds to provide night service in all outlying areas. The arrangement will begin before the end of the year, he said, even if it can be implemented only through legislation.

"The insurers think they're obliged to give service from dawn to dusk," the minister said while on a tour of Safed's Sheff Hospital. "I think they're wrong, and I'm about to make changes that will require them to provide doctor's services in every settlement, with the cost divided among the four health funds. Chalit will pay half of the expenses, while the rest will be divided among Maccabi, Leumi and Meuhedet."

Sneh added that any health fund that did not agree would have its part in the expenses deducted from its share of National Insurance Institute health taxes. This money will then be transferred to Magen David Adom, so it can provide night medical service.

Criteria to be set for town rabbi jobs

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret, continuing the changes he is implementing in the Religious Affairs Ministry, reached an agreement recently with the chief rabbis to set specific criteria for rabbis who want to become chief rabbi of one of the country's cities or towns.

Until now, rabbis who viewed themselves as candidates for these positions took a test, and then had to have a certificate attesting to their ability to serve in these positions renewed every three years by the chief rabbis and the Chief Rabbinical Council.

Shetret argued that this created a situation where people could be advanced and demoted without just cause, and that the practice was contrary to the norms of good government. As such, he has done away with the need to renew these certificates.

Herb Keison

Labor raps Ramon for 'mass dismissal plan'

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

LABOR'S Histadrut faction is accusing Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon of using the labor federation's financial plight as a ploy to make mass dismissals and destroy Labor's power bases in the Histadrut.

The Histadrut's leadership has called an emergency meeting with the coalition heads today to approve the new recovery plan which calls for dismissing more than 700 workers and axing almost half of the Histadrut sections by the end of the year.

The Histadrut's workers' union, which objects to the plan, is organizing protest meetings at Histadrut headquarters on Sunday, during which workers will burst into the Histadrut parliament session and demonstrate against the dismissal plans, which will leave hundreds of them jobless.

The workers charged yesterday that the new leadership is planning to fire hundreds of workers, under the guise of a recovery plan, and to hire new ones instead.

Workers' union leaders said that the new leadership has in fact been hiring new workers on generous personal contracts all year, some at extremely high monthly wages of up to NIS 50,000, "more than the wages of 10 existing employees," while at the same time firing hundreds for "lack of funds."

The workers' union plans to file suit against the Histadrut, to ensure funds for dismissed workers' severance payments.

The workers also object to another clause in the recovery plan reducing their wages and equalizing them with those in the Civil Service, after the Histadrut's planned move to Jerusalem at the end of the year.



Aaron Troup, 30, a teacher from Pardess Hanna, and Yitzhak Tzadik, 33, a yeshiva student from Beit El, were put under house arrest yesterday by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. They are suspected of making threatening phone calls to the head of the Jerusalem Police riot squad Efi Haviyyan, whom they claim had mistreated right-wing demonstrators. Above, one of the suspects is led into court. (Text: Bill Hutman; Photo: Brian Hendler)

Weak signals from missing F-16s

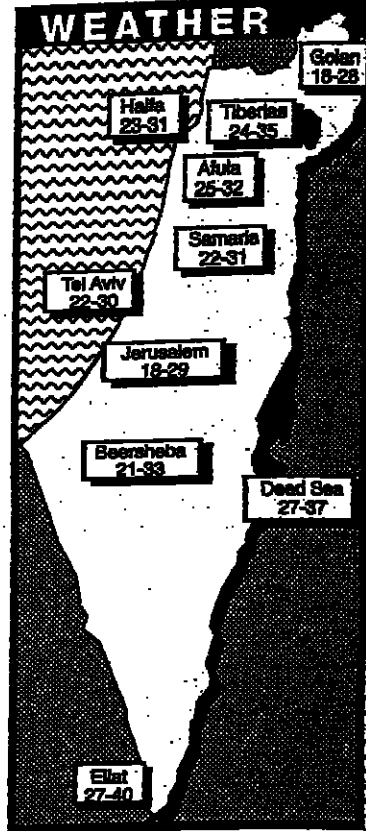
ALON PINKAS

NAVY ships and submarines searching for the wreckage of the two F-16 jets that collided Monday received weak distress signals yesterday from beacons aboard one of the planes, but it is questionable whether this will help determine the jets' exact location.

An air force officer confirmed that a distress signal was received, but said that the signal, emitted from an automatic beacon, was too weak to assist in locating the planes.

The two jets are believed to be over 1,000 meters under water in a steep and rocky area of the Mediterranean sea bed known as the Achziv Canyon.

The canyon's edge begins approximately 25 kilometers west of the Nahariya-Achziv coast. If the remains of the jets are in the canyon area, the sonar detection equipment used by the navy would be ineffective, said the officer.



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Lost boys get raw deal from bus driver

TWO Tel Aviv youngsters spent a harrowing day lost in Bat Yam yesterday after a Dan bus company driver left them in the city without any money when they accidentally boarded the wrong bus.

Bat Yam shop owners proved no better than the driver, refusing to allow the two to use their phones to call home. Eventually the two found a shekel coin and used it to call their parents.

Rafi Cohen, 10, told Israel Radio he and his younger brother, Yossi, were on their way home from the pool on Barbour Street when they boarded the No. 43 bus. "I asked the driver if he went to Derich Hashalom, where we live. He didn't answer, but we got on and sat down. I asked him again later, and he said he didn't go there. I asked him how to get there, and he told me I had to get the bus in the opposite direction. I told him we didn't have any money left. He said: 'That's your problem,' and dropped us off."

After learning they were in Bat Yam, Cohen said, "We walked and walked, for maybe an hour... We got to a parking lot, and tried to call our parents. We asked people in stores to use their phones, but some said they didn't have any, and others said the phone was broken. We were desperate and afraid, and decided to try to find money. In the end, we found a shekel near a game machine, and called mom. She said not to panic, I described where I was, and my dad came and picked me up."

Ashira Cohen, the boys' mother, said: "I can't understand the driver's behavior, and I think he should be punished. He should have taken care of them, and put them on the right bus. Instead he abandoned them in a strange town."

Dan spokesman Gavriel Shemesh said the driver's behavior was serious and they would check the story out with him, but refused to say if he would be punished. (tm)

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Three k crash near

THREE people, a year-old girl, died in a massive crash in the Zichron Yoni area, which occurred on a Sunday morning. The crash involved a truck and a car, and the driver of the car was killed. The girl was killed by a falling object from the truck. The driver of the truck was injured. The crash occurred on a busy road near the Zichron Yoni area. The cause of the crash is still under investigation.